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Petition drive on to close Andover school

By ALISON ALOISIO

"The discussion has to be had," said Jack Misericordia, one of several Andover residents who are circulating a petition to ask the town's School Board to close the Andover Elementary School.

Andover withdrew from SAD 44 in 2015, and the town has operated the K-5 school itself since then. Older students are tutored to Telstar and other schools.

But the price of withdrawal has been high. The last full calendar year Andover was a member of SAD 44 (2014), the town paid a total of \$691,342 as its share (including \$180,000 to keep AES open), according to Town Office records. This year's Andover school budget is \$1.4 million, according to School Board Chairman Paula Lee, (down \$108,000 from

last year because of fewer students and thus lower tuition payments for older students).

AES has consistently had between 25 and 30 students, while the overall number of students from Andover K-12 has dropped this year to about 81 from last year's 90, she said.

Two-step tax hike
After Andover withdrew, it did not start paying the higher costs all at once, because the town's fiscal year was six months off from the school district's. The initial hike was spread over two years.

The two-year step-up in taxes was explained in a public hearing that preceded Andover's vote to withdraw. At the hearing, the ballpark estimate for a school budget based on costs of the 2014-2015

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PINK PUMPKINS FOR BREAST CANCER AWARENESS—John Carter of Carter's Farms in Bethel planted seeds this spring from a program that promotes breast cancer awareness. The pink-tinted pumpkins are in keeping with the color symbolic of the cause. Carter said he has been giving the pumpkins away to families with members who have had breast cancer.

A. Aloisio

Update on Molly the Mustang

This past summer *The Citizen* did a story on Owen Richmond, 19, of Mason and the wild Mustang horse he trained, Molly. Owen's effort was part of the Extreme Mustang Makeover, a program developed by the Mustang Heritage Foundation to increase awareness of the overpopulation of wild horses and burros in the western U.S.

The goal of the program is to facilitate adoptions by demonstrating that the animals can be successfully trained and rehomed. The trainers have 100 days to gentle, halter break, and saddle train them, a process that entails gradually gaining the horses' trust and building a relationship that allows them to compete together in events designed to showcase the animals' new skills.

Following competitions

in August in 10 cities across the U.S., the EMM Mustangs were auctioned for adoption to the highest bidder, with the bid price split between the trainer and the EMM program. Owen showed Molly in a competition in Topsfield, Mass.

Following, in response to inquiries he has had since June, Owen updates in his own words what happened with Molly:

I have had a lot of questions concerning the progress and outcome of Molly the Mustang since the Bethel Citizen wrote an article on June 30, when I debuted her at The Gem Theater. I write this in hope to answer any questions that readers had and to inspire anyone that would like to take on the challenge.

Over the month of July I spent a considerable

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Bethel again suspends sign ordinance enforcement

By ALISON ALOISIO

"We've just taken a vote tonight that puts us in damn poor light, to say the least, as far as enforcement goes," said Don Bennett, chairman of the Bethel selectboard, Monday.

The board had just voted 3-2 against enforcing specific sign ordinance violations by four Bethel businesses, violations that were presented to them by Code Enforcement Officer Jeff Warden.

In July selectmen had voted to generally resume sign enforcement, following a suspension in January to allow changes to be made to the ordinance. They agreed to have Warden systematically bring groups of violations to them in order to approve enforcement.

The first two batches of violations Warden presented, in August and September, were approved for enforcement,

though not unanimously. Warden proceeded to tell the businesses to take down signs or take other steps to comply.

Selectman Andy Whitney has consistently voted against such enforcement, saying the ordinance needs to be made less restrictive. Bennett voted against enforcement in August, for it in September, and against it Monday. But this time Selectman Pat Carter also decided to vote against it.

That left Warden's hands tied. Businessman Paul LeGault, who was in the August batch of businesses found to be in violation, was critical.

"We were highlighted," he said, for not being in compliance. But, said LeGault, "You voted 3-2 to let them go. What just happened tonight?"

Warden also had planned a followup report Monday on his activities regarding the August group of violations. "Where do I go from here?" he asked.

Among that group was the Sunday River Brewing Co. The board discussed the issue with owner Ron Savage, who attended the meeting. His new sign on Route 2 had been found to be in violation because it was less than 50 feet from the road. He had replaced a smaller, existing sign in the same spot, he said.

But signs 40-80 square

feet in size on higher-speed roads are required to be set back 50 feet, Warden said.

Savage described the requirement as "arbitrary," and said if he placed the sign correctly it would be in the middle of an interior driveway on his property. He also said utility poles and nearby Bethel directional signs would block drivers' view of the sign if it was 50 feet back.

Savage said other businesses on Route 2 would have the same problem. "There's no explanation for that setback," he said.

The town officials acknowledged the rationale was not clear, and Warden said simply the requirement had been in place for 20 years.

Discussion followed on whether the Appeals Board could deal with such problems, but the officials did not draw a clear conclusion.

Carter described the sign ordinance as "convoluted and complicated." Whitney suggested a more general ordinance to avoid problems.

LeGault, however, said he thought there would always be interpretations needed, and the appeals process is intended to deal with that.

Bennett has said in recent months that the resumed enforcement of the ordinance could lead to a petition to eliminate the ordinance entirely. He said he favored keeping the ordinance and improving it.

The board eventually voted unanimously to sus-

pend enforcement for 120 days and establish a five-person "Bethel Sign Committee" to rewrite the ordinance for consideration by voters.

New rec dept., more test borings

In other business Monday, selectmen approved a proposal to establish a "Bethel Regional Recreation Department" with Greenwood, Woodstock and Newry. A memo from Bethel Recreational Director Sarah Tucker described cooperation among the towns on recreational plans this summer that had worked out well.

She said the other towns and the Bethel Recreation Committee support the regional proposal. Representatives from the other towns would be on the committee.

The formation of such a department would require an amendment to town ordinance, to be approved at Town Meeting.

Selectmen also approved additional test borings, at a cost of \$8,000 to \$12,000, to determine the best site for a Waste Water Treatment Plant dewatering

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Letters

CROCKETT FOR PROBATE

To the Editor:

I am writing in support of Jarrod Crockett for Oxford County Judge of Probate in the Nov. 8 election. I have worked closely with Jarrod in my law practice for the last eight years, and the same qualities that make him an excellent attorney will serve him superbly as judge.

I have never met an attorney with as much empathy for clients—Jarrod is a keen listener who makes the time to understand people's needs and "goes the extra mile" in advising them. He has ample experience practicing in the Maine probate courts, and understands the judicial process both as an attorney and a member of the Judiciary Committee during his service in the Maine Legislature.

Finally, Jarrod's inherent sense of fairness, his good humor, and his compassion and care for people in challenging circumstances will be greatly appreciated by anyone in his court.

Kirk G. Siegel, Esq.
Albany

VOTE FOR SID PEW

To the Editor:

We citizens of Maine District 117 really need Sidney Pew representing our interests in the State House. Having had discussions at length with Sid, I'm convinced that he is by far the best candidate for the job. He is uniquely well informed on a broad range of key issues, listens well and is well equipped to help us meet the urgent demands of this 21st century.

Sid Pew fully recognizes the need for robust education and training to help our youth and adult citizens exploit the opportunities presented by new products and technologies brought by companies looking to locate in our region. He supports initiatives to bring about election reform that allows we citizens to regain control of our future, rather than serving big \$\$ interests. He advocates for strong environmental and climate policies that ensure a healthy, prosperous future for coming generations. Sid Pew has the vision, energy and skills we need in the State House today.

Seabury & Sharon Lyon
Bethel

SUPPORT SID PEW

To the Editor:

The new energy economy is an opportunity for Mainers to do better. Sidney Pew gets this.

Sid wants to work in the state legislature for us. As a small businessman, he knows that home weatherization, heat pumps, and solar electricity are smart investments.

He also knows that our newest energy technologies, such as electric cars, offshore wind, and home energy storage, will also soon have the potential to help our economy and protect our environment.

As the new energy economy grows around the world it will inevitably reach us. But Maine needs to take advantage of its opportunities now, to create new businesses and jobs today.

We believe that a vote for Sidney Pew is a vote for a better economy and our families' future.

Ken Hotopp and Robin Gorrell
Bethel

PATRICK SUPPORTS JOBS

To the Editor:

It comes as no surprise that there's a lot of false information starting to bubble up about State Senator John Patrick. There was a letter to the editor, written by a Mr. Curtis from outside the district, claiming that State Senator John Patrick was opposed to creating jobs. That's just not true. Anyone paying attention knows that John Patrick has worked to pass "Buy American" legislation that would create jobs by creating demand for more Maine made products.

He also voted for a bipartisan bill to create incentives for large businesses to invest in Maine. How do you campaign against someone with a proven track record of honesty and integrity? Lisa Keim's supporter's answer appears to be spreading a bunch of nonsense. I'll be casting my vote for John Patrick on Nov. 8, and I hope others will join me in doing so.

Gary R. Hemingway
Canton

SUPPORT PATRICK

To the Editor:

I am writing to voice my support for John Patrick for State Senate. There have been a lot of rumors floating around suggesting that Senator John Patrick has been conspiring with a private company to sell Rumford's water. Those rumors couldn't be further from the truth.

Most of us here in the River Valley know very well that Senator Patrick strongly opposes the privatization of our natural resources and we know just how hard he has worked in a Republican controlled Senate to protect the interests of people over the interests of big, multi-national corporations.

As Nov. 8 approaches, it's easy to get caught up in negative storytelling, rumors, and attacks. It's easy, during a particularly grueling election cycle, to forget about all of the good work legislators like John Patrick have accomplished. It's easy to forget that John has — time and again — fended off efforts to make Maine a "right to work" state. It's easy to lose sight of the fact that John Patrick has devoted his entire career as a legislator to advocating for the people of his district by standing up to corporate interests. It's easy to forget his endorsement by Maine Conservation Voters for his 100 percent voting record on environmental issues in the Senate.

I've known John for over 30 years. He is a man of honesty, integrity, and cares deeply for all citizens and has represented them very well and deserves to continue as our State Senator for Western Maine.

I have a pretty good memory, and on Nov. 8 — I will proudly be casting my vote for Senator John Patrick.

Bob Duplessie
Andover

PATRICK RESPONDS ON WATER ISSUE

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to a recent article in the Lewiston Sun Journal regarding a plan to allow Nestle to enter into a contract with the Rumford Water District for the purpose of bottling and selling our water. I felt that the article implied, unfairly, that I might have been involved. I would like to set the record straight.

First and foremost, I do not support—and have never supported—any efforts by Nestle or any other private company to assert any ownership over water sources in Rumford or anywhere else. I am staunchly opposed to the privatization of our natural resources, and I have a strong record of standing up against corporate interests—including those of my own employer—when those interests are contrary to the interests of the people in my district. I also believe that access to ample clean water is a basic human right.

I do not believe that Rumford should enter into a contract with Nestle for extraction of our natural resources, and I did not 'host a meeting' with representatives from Nestle at my home.

Here's what really happened:

I was contacted by the Rumford Water District Manager, Brian Gagnon, in October of 2015. He conveyed to me that the water charter required updating because it was nearly a century old and filled with outdated language.

After I agreed to sponsor the charter update, we followed proper notice and comment procedure to give the public an opportunity to discuss the proposed changes. A public hearing date was set and the public notified by advertisement two weeks prior to the date the hearing was held.

Then—months after the bill passed in the legislature—Mr. Gagnon called me and asked to stop by after work. When he arrived in my driveway, he was accompanied by Mr. Burns and another person I had never seen before; that person turned out to be Mr. Dubois from Nestle. The four of us spoke for roughly ten minutes.

Standing in my driveway, Mr. Gagnon mentioned plans to test water levels in the aquifer to see how much could potentially be extracted; he said if the numbers were favorable, he thought they could potentially consider entering into a contract with Nestle. I immediately spoke up and let them know, in no uncertain terms (as I'm known to do), that I did not think the idea was likely to go over well in Rumford.

First, I explained that, if they were indeed pursuing such a venture, as a State Senator, I would do my best to remain neutral in order to hear arguments from both sides. I immediately went on to explain, however, that in my experience as a State Senator in this district and as a resident of Rumford, that it was going to make a lot of people very, very upset. I let them know I had seen similar proposals fail spectacularly in the past and that this was not something that my community was in any way likely to support. Then, I told them "good luck" and sent them on their way.

Had Mr. Gagnon informed me that he had met with a private corporation for the purpose of potentially entering into a contract for water extraction prior to my sponsorship of the charter revision, I would have alerted the public accordingly. It was presented to me, to the legislature, and to the public, as a simple and necessary revision of an antiquated document—something the legislature in Maine deals with fairly regularly.

As a legislator, it's my job to consider the potential positive impacts of such a venture on my community as a whole. We do need more jobs; we do need business and industry to invest in our area. At the same time, I am also charged to listen to the concerns of my constituents; to protect our precious natural resources, and ensure that those resources are available—first and foremost—to the people of the River Valley. It is with those interests in mind that I have elected to submit two bills for consideration in the legislature. To ensure that the public will have more extensive control over our essential natural resources, I put forward an Act to Ensure Municipal Approval and Rate Setting when Entering into a Commercial Water Contract, as well as an Act to Elect Municipal Water Board Members by Popular Vote. Together, these bills will hold our municipal officials accountable to the people they serve and help to preserve our natural resources for years to come.

As your State Senator, I have always been open and honest with my constituents. It is important to me that you hear the truth because I believe that you, the voters in my district, deserve better than to be misled. If you would like to discuss this, or any other issue, in further detail, please feel free to contact me at (207) 364-7666. My door is, and always has been, open to you.

I thank you, and I hope you will support me on November 8

Sen. John Patrick
Rumford

ELECTING CAPABLE LEADERS

To the Editor:

On Nov. 8 Oxford County voters will cast their votes to elect state legislators. We need to become more conscious of the need to support legislators who are 'capable' to comprehend the consequences of their actions. Our region is an extension of the national political posturing by each party ... but we can do better!

Why would our voters elect a legislator who has demonstrated his inability to represent the real and impactful needs of our community? It's more important to elect legislators, regardless of party affiliation, who will represent us on a broad scale of issues ... rather than focusing legislative attention to the size of a beer mug ... or proposing a risky bill to enable a large corporation to tap our precious water supply without voter approval.

The most egregious indicator of Senator John Patrick's weaknesses in legislative capability came at our recent Western Maine Water Alliance (WMWA) meeting when he shunned the legitimate criticism by the 32 attendees for his role in gaining Senate approval for the Rumford Water District (RWD) charter. He stated that he did nothing wrong by presenting his testimony for a proposal, which he claimed he didn't feel responsible for the content. He said someone else wrote the charter revision and he felt obliged to support it.

We need our legislators to understand that their sponsorship and testimonies require their commitment to Maine Statutes, reading comprehension, listening and communication skills to represent our interests and protections. Constituency tasks are routinely satisfied by all legislators ... but the job of legislating requires a more robust knowledge of the world where we live in the 21st century: a trained workforce to fill job requirements, attracting new businesses (small, medium and large), protecting our natural resources, education options, cost effective health care, lower energy costs, real welfare reform, and a tax structure equipped to support the above community needs.

I sincerely hope our regional voters think about their expectations for legislative capability rather than just checking the box for their respective party candidate. Your vote is important!

If elected, Senator Lisa Keim will capably represent our communities.

Len Greaney
Rumford

Our Back Pages

By Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: The Telstar High School soccer team remained undefeated in its regular season, and defeated Georges Academy 3-0 to win the MVC Championship.

Members of the Powered Parachute Club of Maine gathered at the Bethel Airport Columbus weekend to enjoy the area foliage from the air.

Deaths: Arlene Farwell, Christopher Gendron, William R. Chandler, David A. Fleet, Loretta Blaisdell.

20 years ago: Mike Poirier of Bethel talked with Crescent Park School third graders about his recently completed Appalachian Trail hike.

James E. Hutchins, a 1948 alumnus of Husson College, received an honorary bachelor of science degree at their homecoming days.

Births: Dylan Mason McGurn, Jordan Steven Pilgrim-Hanson, Janna Ashton Winslow.

Deaths: Gertrude Y. Farrar, Ernest A. Swan, George F. Crooker, Benjamin W. Wilson, Amy G. Farrar.

30 years ago: Bethel Public Works Director Robert Davis was elected a director of the Maine chapter of the American Public Works Association. Telstar senior Keith Clanton qualified as a semi-finalist in the National Merit Scholarship Program.

Birth: Ross MacKay Parker.

Deaths: Vernon M. "Tink" Brown, Cedric L. Lowell.

40 years ago: The planer mill at Western Maine Lumber Company was destroyed by fire.

Over 200 friends of Dr. John Young attended an open house in his honor at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Dana Douglass.

Bear River Grange entertained Oxford County Pomona with 48 members present.

Birth: Daren Jason Worcester.

50 years ago: Track crews of the railroad were in the process of shortening one of the sidings at the Grand Trunk station in Bethel.

Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Brown celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary with a reception hosted by their daughters at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Cecil Conrad.

Birth: Nathan Churchill Greeley.

Deaths: Mrs. Eunice Winslow, Eldon E. Adams, Mrs. Alberta Roberts.

60 years ago: Bethel Auto Sales moved from the foot of Main Street to the Calsco service station at the corner of Main and Vernon Streets.

Breaks at Crescent Park School and the Primary School netted burglars about \$30, much of it in small coins.

Birth: William Frederick Lawler.

70 years ago: Raymond and Albert Buck bought Dick Young's Railroad Street service station.

Roy Tripp bought the W. D. Kilgore place in North Newry.

Deaths: Elliott Rich, Harry E. Jordan.

80 years ago: The roof of Lord's garage was marked for the convenience and safety of aviators. The name of the town, and the directions and distances to Augusta and Portland were painted there.

Death: Mrs. Ellen Wentworth.

90 years ago: The work of repairing the fire damage at Holden Hall was in charge of A. F. Warren and Son of Auburn.

The boiler and paint shop connected with the J. A. Thurston Co., Inc. mill at Hale was destroyed by fire.

110 years ago: Dr. F. B. Tuell was making marked improvements to his home on Broad Street, including the building of an extensive addition and the installation of a new bathroom.

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INSPECTION UPDATE ON ETHEL BISBEE

To the Editor:

The situation regarding the Ethel Bisbee School has provided a rare opportunity for an inspector to perform an inspection over an extended length of time and observe the structure during varying conditions. Most building inspections occur during the Purchase/Sale process of a property and an inspection report is based solely on a very brief glimpse in time (a few hours on one day). I was able visit and re-visit EBS a number of times through July, August and October (I was extremely busy in September and didn't have availability). Therefore, I was able to observe and document changes within the structure that assisted in determining probable causes for some issues and the elimination of others.

My plan and goal is to have the report finished by this coming weekend and post it on my website at www.accu-proinspections.com and allow for public viewing. I will then send the finished report to Stephen Sprague of Estimate Busters who has generously offered to donate his time to provide a budget figure for the needed repairs identified in my report. His repair estimates report will then be attached to my report on my website for public viewing.

I have also provided the Bethel Town Manager, Christine Landes, with the name of a commercial property appraiser who has provided a quote for an appraisal which includes both scenarios, with the building standing and with the structure removed. The purpose of providing this was just to give the selectmen/women and the Town Manager some real figures to work with and I would recommend researching other quotes. If the citizens vote to sell the property an appraisal should be part of the due diligence of a normal sale of public property. To move forward with selling the property without such information, I believe, would only raise the questions of improper procedure contrary to performing in the best interest of the citizens. A \$3,000 appraisal, although it sounds expensive, could prevent the town from selling the property for \$30,000 or more below its actual value.

Bo Boden
Bethel

"NO" ON QUESTION 3

To the Editor:

In response to Lee Smith of Albany's letter of Sept. 29 where she says, "It should bother all of us that a big national organization like the NRA, funded largely by out of staters and gun manufactures is trying to convince us to vote against Question 3. Just read Wayne Gallant's response to Question 3. The people in law no best what this law will do and the way it is worded does not address the issues."

What should really bother Lee Smith is those who are behind a yes vote on Question 3 is being led by ex-New York City mayor and billionaire Michael Bloomberg, whose group "Everytown" is funding nearly 100 percent of this campaign in the state of Maine. He has enlisted political operatives in the state of Maine who include Baldacci Communications, (we know what he did to the state), longtime Democratic strategist David Farmer, current BDN blogger and past editorial page editor/reporter for the Sun Journal, and deputy chief of staff for Gov. John Baldacci; and Lance Dutton and Bobby Reynolds, political operatives and ex-staffers for Senator Susan Collins. He also hired the law firm of Bernstein and Shur, and the lobbying group Maine Street Solutions, led by former speaker of the house, Democrat Mike Saxl.

Polling shows voters strongly support background checks for firearm "sales." What these initiative do is use this support to push for a new law, one that goes far beyond the regulation of "sales" but is nonetheless being portrayed as "closing the gun show loophole" or preventing criminals from buying guns. This is a wild exaggeration or just campaign rhetoric; the truth is, this initiative never even mentions gun shows or the nonexistent loopholes and recently, the Washington Post confirmed what gun owners have known all alone, that four out of five criminals obtained their guns illegally, (Washington Post, July 27, 2016).

The wording of Question 3: Do you want to change Maine law to require background checks prior to the transfer of firearms between individuals not licensed as firearm dealers, with failure to do so punishable by law, and with some exceptions for family members hunting, self defense, lawful competitions and shooting range activity?

When you understand the actual wording of the law behind the Bloomberg political machine's Hollywood-like production, you find it goes way beyond background checks for firearm sales, and instead affects nearly every instance in which a firearm can be used outside a Maine residents' home. In 2014, Mr. Bloomberg declared war on guns and anyone who politically stood in his way. This included punishing anyone in the political world who doesn't support his anti-gun agenda. In an April 15, 2014 N.Y. Times article, he stated he would start this war by spending \$50 million of his own money to "outmuscle" the NRA.

Excerpts of this article were taken from the Northwood's Sporting Journal, Sept. 2016 "Who is behind Question 3, the Universal Background Check? - Part 1."

This is what Lee Smith should be afraid of. Not only Mr. Bloomberg, but anybody who has enough money to buy their own political agenda, then burdening American citizens with his way of thinking. I disagree that the NRA is not our friend. The NRA is looking out for our God given right through the Constitutional 2nd amendment. I and millions of Americans around the United States are card carrying members of the NRA who pay yearly dues to support the NRA. Michael Bloomberg represents New York and the NRA represents all Americans who want to protect their second amendment rights. I object to having a law that would restrict me to let my brother borrow my gun without him having to go through a background check and a gun dealer. Costing he and me money. Just another way to continue the liberal control of our rights as American Citizens and getting more of our money out of pockets. Take note in the above wording there is nothing in the wording about gun show loopholes, criminals or the mentally challenged from getting a gun? It is designed to restrict all of us.

I hope voters will go to the polls and vote to protect their second amendment rights and the rights of all of us who like to hunt, shoot for sport and recreationally target shooting etc. Protect your right to give your son, daughter or grandchild a gun as a birthday or Xmas present or just hand it down through the ages. Don't let a New York mayor tell Mainers what we can and can't do.

Jane Ryerson
Bethel

Hanover Town Meeting Tuesday

By ALISON ALOISIO

Hanover will hold its annual Town Meeting Tuesday, Oct. 25 at 6 p.m. at the Town House.

Voters will elect a new selectman to replace the retiring Dick Stratton, who has served since 2009,

according to Town Administrator Kelly Harrington. She said three people have expressed interest in the seat. Nominations are taken from the floor.

The municipal budget is proposed at \$530,340, up slightly from the previous \$525,929, she said. If ap-

proved, Harrington said she anticipates the current mill rate of 9.6 to remain the same.

She described the warrant, with 33 articles, as routine, with no unusual proposals and with most money articles holding fairly steady.

Food recycling starts Saturday in Bethel

Beginning Saturday, Oct. 22, residents of the Tri-Town area will be able to recover their organics wastes at the Bethel Transfer Station, according to AVCOG.

Organic materials for recovery include vegetable and fruit peels, dairy products, meat and fish bones, bread, rice, pasta, coffee grounds, filters, teabags and egg shells. These nutrient-rich, heavy ma-

terials usually end up in landfills where they get buried, taking years to break down, or being sent to a waste to energy facility. When these scraps are diverted from the landfill, it saves valuable land, water, energy, and reduce the need for fossil-fuel fertilizers. For more information pick up a flyer from the Bethel Transfer Station Saturday.

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garage. An initial site that had been chosen would require added construction costs, according to Weston & Sampson Engineers, who recommended relocating the planned building.

The board also decided to try a new meeting time for its next regular meeting, Nov. 14. It will start at 6 p.m. instead of the traditional 7 p.m., at the Town Office.

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school fiscal year was given as \$1.2 million, with just over a million of that being paid locally.

After the town withdrew, there was an initial increase in the mill rate from 15.06 to 19.06. The rate went up again this year to 24.65, according to Selectman Jane Rich.

Andover is separately paying on a \$200,000 bond for money borrowed for startup costs for the town's new school department, according to town officials.

When 2016 tax bills went out in late August, Rich said, the town started hearing from people.

"There were lots of complaints about the taxes," she said. Miserocchi said last week the effort to collect signatures on a petition began a couple of weeks ago.

"The reason we feel the school must close is because it just costs way more than we thought it would," he said. "Therefore we feel that by closing the school and tuitioning the students, the town would save a considerable amount of money. Many of us truly regret losing the school, but we feel that we simply cannot afford it, especially in view of the fact the town has no money for repairs that are long overdue."

He said "a lot" of people are signing the petition, although with several people circulating it, he did not have a current number of signatures gathered so far.

Most people approached by the petition group have signed, he said.

But, said Miserocchi, "there's no big hurry here," because the plan is to get at least 200 signatures before presenting the petition to the School Board.

The petition is worded, "Due to the unexpected and escalating cost of the Andover school situation, we, as registered voters in the Town of Andover, are pe-

titioning the Andover School Board to begin the process of closing the Andover Elementary School in accordance with MRSA Title 20-A, Chap. 202, 4102 (closing of a school building)."

Lee said that according to the law, the decision to close rests with the School Board. If there was a vote to close AES, citizens would have a right to petition for a town vote to keep it open, but there is no similar provision in the law if the board declined to close it.

The current members of the Andover School Board are Lee, Vice Chairman Lindsay Sharkey, Tim Akers, Pete Coolidge, and Betty Davis, Lee said.

She said Andover residents should remember that the cost of keeping AES open is just a portion of the total education costs. In addition to tuition, there are other costs for running an independent school department.

She estimated that if all Andover students were to be tuitioned out of town, with an average rate of \$10,000 per student, the cost would be about \$800,000. On top of that would be transportation costs (\$157,000 this year), special education costs (\$170,000 last year), superintendent costs (\$36,000 this year) and other costs, Lee said.

She added the school has also become a community center, noting that on one evening last year the School Board, the PTA, the town Recreation Committee and a walking group were all using it.

The School Board is currently working with Supt. Jack Turcotte on a school budget for next year, said Lee, under the assumption the school will be open.

As for dealing generally with the school and its budget, Lee said of the board, "We are all taxpaying residents. We are looking for what is best for the whole community."

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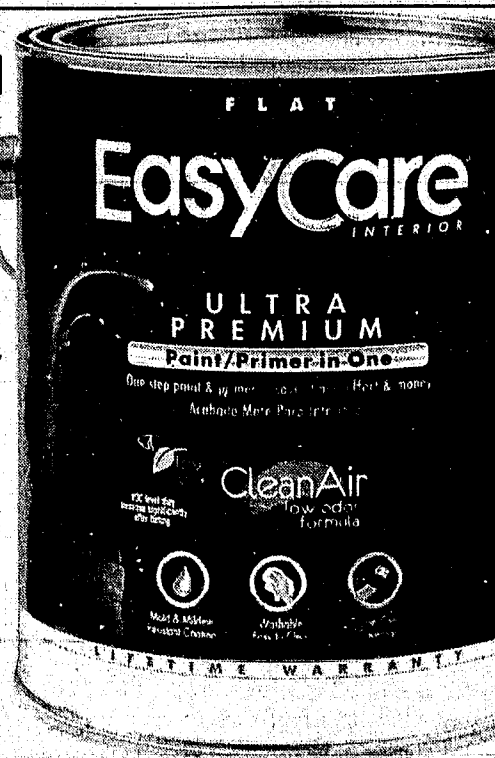
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Pet First Aid and CPR class offered at Telstar

By AMY WIGHT CHAPMAN

Would you know what to do if your dog or cat came close to drowning, was injured, or was suffering from smoke inhalation?

A one-day class in Pet First Aid and CPR is being offered this Saturday, Oct. 22 at Telstar High School from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. by SAD 44 Adult and Community Education. Tuition is \$80.

Participants will receive a book and DVD to reinforce the lessons, as well as lifetime certification in animal CPR.

Proceeds from the class will help to provide pet oxygen masks (POMs) to local fire and rescue departments throughout the state.

The Maine POM Project

Pet First Aid and CPR instructor Bobby Silcott started the Maine POM Project in 2009, after serving as a firefighter and EMT in Naples, and as the animal control officer for several towns.

He had seen firsthand the devastating, often fatal, effects of smoke inhalation on animals at the scenes of many home fires, and knew that having pet oxygen masks on hand could mean the difference between life and death for many pets.

Silcott wanted to find a way to fund the purchase of POMs for local fire and rescue departments, and hit on the idea of offering classes in first aid and CPR for pets, using the proceeds to buy POMs, which cost about \$80 per set and come with small, medium, and large masks for different sizes of pets.

Since 2009, the Maine POM Project has provided 310 sets of life-saving pet oxygen masks to fire and rescue departments across the state.

"The one event that really tipped it for me was several years ago when we had a house fire in town, and the family lost three dogs and a couple of cats," Silcott said.

On a walk-through of the scene, a firefighter emerged from the home's basement with a pet snake in a terrarium.

"It was alive, but barely," he said.

"We stuck an oxygen tube into the terrarium, and within ten minutes it started to look better."

The family who had lost their home were huddled off to the side of the fire scene, and Silcott said when he brought the snake over to them, "you would have thought I gave them a winning Megabucks ticket."

"After what they'd been through, losing their house and their pets, when I saw what [being reunited with their pet snake] did for them, it gave me the incentive to step up the effort," he said.

The PETS Act

After Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf coast in 2005, forcing many people fleeing the devastation to abandon their pets, Congress passed the Pets Evacuation and Transportation Standards (PETS) Act.

The legislation requires states seeking emergency assistance from FEMA to accommodate pets and service animals in

their plans for evacuating residents facing disasters.

In 2009, Silcott volunteered as part of the newly formed Cumberland County Animal Response Team (CCART), which educates pet-owners about disaster planning and preparedness related to companion animals.

In the event of a disaster, the team is prepared to mobilize quickly to set up emergency pet shelters within walking distance of Red Cross shelters provided for humans.

Part of his training for CCART was a course in pet first aid and CPR using pet oxygen masks. Recognizing the effectiveness of the equipment and training, Silcott knew he wanted to do all he could to make it available to fire departments and emergency response teams throughout Maine.

"It occurred to me that I could start teaching classes in pet CPR, and use the proceeds to buy POMs," he said.

He also teaches classes in human CPR and the use of automated external defibrillators (AEDs) and contributes those funds to the program as well.

An aid to healing

"Ninety-nine percent of the time after a fire, the first thing people ask is where their pets are," Silcott said.

After a tragedy like a house fire, he said, people who have lost their homes and belongings must often take shelter in unfamiliar surroundings.

"I firmly believe that if they have a pet with them in that environment, it's a powerful aid to healing."

Not every fire and rescue chief initially embraced the idea of oxygen masks and CPR for pets, Silcott said, but once they see them used, they understand their value.

"Just the other day, a town that the Norway Fire Department helps with mutual aid had a call where they used a POM to revive a kitten after a fire," he said.

"After that, [Norway Fire Chief] Dennis Yates called me and said he wanted some for his department."

Silcott continues to raise money, through classes like the one being offered on Saturday at Telstar, to purchase additional sets of equipment.

"The most daunting part of the project is getting the word out to small, rural departments," he said.

"I try to hand-deliver them to every fire and rescue department that needs them, and when I bring them, I give a 20-minute demonstration on how to use them."

To learn more about the Maine POM Project, visit their Facebook page or their website, <http://mainepom.wix.com/mainepomproject#> or call Bobby Silcott at 207-595-5644.

To sign up for Saturday's Pet First Aid and CPR class, call the Adult Education office at 824-2136, ext. 1340.

The writer is a substitute teacher in the SAD 44 Adult Ed Department.

Woods fire in Hanover

By LIZ MEISNER/Sun Media

The cause of a fire that burned 1 1/2 acres off Chamberlain Way in Hanover Monday is under investigation, Jay Bernard of the Maine Forest Service said. Firefighters from at least six departments responded. Water was shuttled from Bethel because nearby brooks and ponds were dried up from lack of rain, Rumford Fire Chief Bob Chase said. The usual water sources, such as brooks and ponds, are dried up because of the drought, he said, so water was shuttled from Bethel hydrants. The blaze was reported at 1:13 p.m. by someone at nearby Stony Brook Recreation & Campground off Route 2. Departments from Newry, Mexico, Rumford, Andover, Greenwood and Bethel helped extinguish the flames. There was no estimate of damage to the property, which is owned by a Bethel resident.

Molly

Continued from page 1

amount of time with Molly. Every day I spent around four-plus hours with her. She learned many technical maneuvers such as side passing, changing leads, trotting, cantering, neck reining and pivoting on her haunches. We also went on many adventures together along the way.

In July I took her up to the Bangor area to compete in a rodeo at Ledgeview Arena, in hope to get her ready for her big competition in August. Molly did amazing for the first time being at a venue that size. She excelled past all my expectations and even threw some of her best bucks while we were warming up.

While July progressed we began to spend less time in the riding arena and more on the rugged trails around my farm. Trail riding in the Maine woodland is an experience in itself, but riding a Mustang that you just broke is like teleporting back in time to when northern frontiersmen first rode across this land.

As the competition grew closer I began to realize how much this Mustang has done for me. Molly had turned into more than just a summer project. The last two weeks I would spend most of my day with her. Then after dinner I would go down to the barn hangout with her. Molly had become one of my best friends without me consciously knowing it.

The weekend of the competition was an experience that I will never forget. Growing up in athletics, I had expected that the competition was going to be very competitive. However, I was pleasantly

surprised. It seemed like all the competitors had the same attitude: the "I can't believe that I'm here with a horse that I can ride." Even though some people's Mustangs were further along than others, there was still a great level of unspoken respect between the riders. We all understood the challenges that we all had to overcome in the last 100 days.

I will never forget the trainers that I met that weekend. They were honestly some of the most down-to-earth and easy going people I have met in a competitive setting. It helped when the auction came around.

Auctioning off Molly was very hard for me. I told myself it was for the best that I do not buy her, but it was still hard. It got even worse when multiple trainers offered to bid in my place after they learned that I had not got a bidding number. Molly went for a good price of \$1,500, which was more than some of the horses that scored in the Top Ten. Molly exceeded my expectations during the competition, scoring 11th overall and missing 10th place by 5 points.

Molly gave me a view of horses that I had never seen before. She not only showed me that I can do whatever I want when I put my mind to it. She introduced me to a breed of horse that is unlike any other I have handled. Mustangs are a perfect example of the raw power and beauty of Mother Nature. The opportunity of befriending an animal that is raw and pure can never be explained.



Owen Richmond on Molly at the August competition in Topsfield, Mass.

Submitted photo

The Way I See It

by Sharon Bouchard



My goodness, what a beautiful autumn we have been experiencing! The daytime temperatures have been relatively warm and the nighttime temperatures have been cool, but not cold. My kind of weather!

Mother Nature has put out some spectacular shades of red, yellow and orange. It's just too darn bad that the beauty of the landscape is marred by all those gosh darn political signs.

I understand why the politicians put the signs on every plot of earth they can find, but that doesn't mean that I have to like them and I certainly don't!

I know it's all about name recognition, but, at least for me I can honestly say that no campaign sign ever influenced my vote. When I see all those signs littering the highways and byways I don't even see the names. I see red, yellow and orange because I choose to look at the foliage instead.

Then there are all those gosh darn television ads. They run one right after the other to the point of nausea. If I actually spent

time watching them I probably would throw up, but I use that time to put in a load of laundry, take a bathroom break or get a snack. Those ads certainly never influenced my vote either.

Who believes those stupid ads anyway? Each candidate is only going to say great things about themselves whether they are true or not and bad

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things about their opponent whether they are true or not. You can make anyone look bad when you take things that they have said out of context and this seems to be the rule of thumb in negative advertising.

It's the same thing with the newspaper ads too. Does anyone really read them? If so, do they really

believe them? Do they actually influence how anyone votes? Not this girl, I can tell you that.

All of this political advertising, be it signs, television, radio and print ads, bumper stickers and buttons cost a great deal of money. I have no doubt that campaigning is very hard work because the politicians have to do whatever they can to get people and businesses to donate money so they can buy all the gosh darn advertising stuff. That can't be a lot of fun.

There is probably a campaign law against this, but if one politician, no matter what party they represent took all of the money donated to them and in turn donated it to a non-profit charity, I would definitely vote for them. I'm sure that's not much of an incentive, but it is an idea.

That would be a fantastic thing to do and the way I see it that politician would then have some time to enjoy the beauty of the red, yellow and orange of the autumn foliage rather than running around sticking gosh darn signs in the ground.

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Bethel

By DON BENNETT



At the Old Mother and the New Brian's

Right now: outside construction of a full parking lot is going on. Inside work goes on full blast to create a completely new interior layout. Look for updated interior work photos next week. On the human interest side, the people working there having found a stashed trove of letters dated 1872. The finders are interested to discover the identity of the writers. In 1872 Barker family members lived there.

Moving a stable

The barn on lower Chapman Street is being readied for a move away - or so Randy Bennett told me. It sits on a lot owned by the Maine Mineral and Gem Museum. For many years it was known as the Plaisted Livery Stable. Before everyone in the village owned a Model T, those without cars used horse drawn carriages. You could also "stable" your horse at Plaisted's if you did not have a horse stall available. Basically stabling was like renting a car today. There are no Plaisted's in the Bethel register of property owners today. Four members of a Plaisted family lived in Bethel from 1845 to 1945. All four were buried at Riverside Cemetery.

At "The Bridge"

Painting and/or getting ready to paint was in progress all week with single lane traffic while work progressed. Looking at the work from down below one can see how the bridge frame work is wrapped. The mixing department is stationed in the parking lot/ outdoor warehouse.

Book report

Rumford, Bethel, Clean

Air and Congress is a great story to read especially if you had our Rumford shopping experiences back in the 1970's and 80's and like us shopped in Rumford frequently. Bethel Library has a recent book by Maine's George Mitchell, "The Negotiator" which has a 26-page chapter on the struggle to get the 1990 amendment of the Clear Air Act through Congress. Senator Mitchell was Senate Majority Leader during the Congressional battle, which followed the Reagan years, and Mitchell's story makes for very interesting reading plus it gives insights into special state interests, partisan politics and state economic conditions.

Ten years ago this week, the Mayville News had these items to report

Gas prices at Irving dropped to \$2.299 per gallon. The coldest temperature at our house occurred Saturday, Oct. 14, 2008: it was 27 degrees. (This month we had 28 degrees on Saturday, the 15.)

Ross and Carole Timberlake have broken ground for a 24 by 48 foot barn on their property at 153 Mayville Road. When completed, the barn will house the manufacturing part of their furniture and home accessory business. In turn their current manufacturing area will be remodeled into their product display area.

The "barn" design follows a truly old-time Mayville style - it will be topped with a cupola and weather vane and have siding similar to the "Golden Gallons" barn owned by the Murphy's and at one time home to Bob and Jane Grover's Guernsey herd.

Ross said that he hasn't decided on the weather vane ornament yet and made the mistake of asking me what I would suggest. So I told him that the only creature to be

on a Mayville weather vane was a rooster. The weather vane ornament turned out to be a Cat and Mouse motif. (Just this summer Sue Brown Kettinger found the original Mayville Church Rooster at a historic house in Massachusetts; it had been unaccounted for since the very early 1900's.)

Next door to the Timberlakes, Tom White is getting into the final stages of work on his sculpture of Korean War Medal of Honor soldier Emory Bennett. This is the statue that will eventually be displayed in a city park in Cocoa, Florida. It is there today.

On Monday Harry Kuzyk (who just passed away) stopped to talk about some of the more interesting historical anecdotes that have grown in his home area of North Bethel. Harry lives where a large unnamed island lies in the Androscoggin River between his house and Middle Interval. He believes that ownership of the island is divided between the St. Pierre's (Outlook Recording Studio) and David and Nancy Murphy. It is the history of the island's past role in farming that he wanted to focus on. Some of the stories he remembers came from the venerable, now departed, Bruce Bailey. And other stories he has learned since living there for the last 30 or so years.

Near the river are the remains of two cellar holes where buildings belonging to a Smith family once stood. The Smith's farmed the island and used a river barge to move cattle back and forth over the river to the island.

A short time later, Harry took me on a walking tour of the land between his home and the river.

More about Bartlett Island see: <http://www.thebetheljournal.info/Bethel/OutlookStudio.htm>



Cat and Mouse weather vane symbols chosen by the Timberlakes for their new building started in 2008. See Bethel Bennett column for more.

D. Bennett

Bethel

By LINDA HOWE



Hello Bethel Citizen Readers - Organizers of the program to

feature inaugural poem "One Today" set to music want folks to know that they can attend the dress rehearsal to be held on Saturday, Oct. 22 at 1:30 p.m. at the Gem Theater.

Sunday's Oct. 23 performance already have all the seats reserved. If you heard Church bells ringing in Bethel on Saturday, Oct. 15, it was for a wedding event held at the Bethel United Methodist Church. There were 144 guests who attending the wedding ceremony of Kaly Bernard and Shawn Rumery.

The bride's mother, Andrea Nasatowicz-Bernard is a long time friend (58 years!) and former teaching colleague of mine and it was special having the ceremony in our local church. Cindy Christie who was Kaly's piano teacher for many, many years conducted the ceremony. Cindy is the pastor of the Rumford Point Congregation Church. It was a beautiful wedding ceremony that brought tears, smiles and cheers from everyone! Kaly works as a physical therapist and Shawn's career is working in the solar power industry. They are a young couple who give me hope for the future!

There were at least four weddings taking place on Saturday. Bethel is definitely a destination town for weddings.

I received word that the Western Maine Water Alliance Group is meeting every other Wednesday at the Rumford Center Meeting House on Route 2. If

you believe that water should not be tapped and trucked to bottling plants, then attend the meetings to get further information. There next meeting at the Rumford Center Meeting House is scheduled for Wednesday - Oct. 26 at 7 p.m.

Another option is to write letters to the Rumford Water District Trustees to voice your concerns, thoughts or opinion. Letters may be addressed to the Rumford Water District Trustees - 145 Congress Street - Rumford, ME 04276.

Local papers such as the Bethel Citizen, Sun Journal and Rumford Falls Times are other avenues to write letters to share your thoughts and opinions on this water issue that effects us today and in the future years.

Folks with news to share can reach me by calling 824-2328 or email at lhowe7273@gmail.com

East Bethel

By WALLY RITZ



Here we are, already half way through the month of October and this evening I still have the windows open. Hopefully the weather forecast holds true and will bring more much needed rain.

Bettyann Hastings had some wonderful news to share. Their granddaughter, Kathryn Franklin of Texas, got engaged a few days ago. Her boyfriend "popped" the question by placing a sign "Will you marry me?" in her front yard. A wedding is being planned for January. How romantic is that?

Yet, wait, before you answer. Their granddaughter Jennifer Hastings got her proposal recently also on a mountain top whilst

hiking out West. Congratulations to all from the neighborhood.

Two weeks ago Bettyann and Sonny went to Homecoming at UNH. Their grandson, John Franklin, was being interviewed by the football coach, followed by the academic interview. During the campus tour, he even ran into several former pals from Wolfeboro, who are attending UNH.

It occurred to me recently that it has been 30 years since I moved to Maine, 28 of these years in East Bethel. So many good memories and milestones, I thank you all.

Feel free to call me at 507-1008 or e-mail heinrichcracker@gmail.com, anytime.

Have a great week.

West Bethel

By KAREN PAUL



Although the foliage has peaked here, I still love the colors, which hang on, and the carpet of patterns created by curled leaves which have swirled down to earth.

Last week a friend came in my office and shared her visit to a magical place and I was intrigued by the story of the man who built an empire making ladies shoes. In fact at one time he was the largest manufacturer of ladies shoes in the world. I convinced Gerry and Dad to travel south to Moultonborough, N.H. to see what all the fuss was about. The bonus was that the leaves in that part of the state were in full peak mode.

We hit the jackpot when it comes to color enjoying each vista, mountain peaks, historic villages, and lakes along the ride down Route 16.

From the OCS

Patrol Log

Sunday, Oct. 9

At 4:46 p.m. Deputy Steve Witham responded to a report of an ATV crash on Main Street in Bethel. The operator was taken to the hospital for evaluation.

Monday, Oct. 10

At 2:22 p.m. Deputy Josh Aylward responded to a business on Railroad Street in Bethel for an unwanted subject. He was located and left.

Tuesday, Oct. 11

At 8:54 p.m. Deputy Steve Witham received a report of harassment on the Flat Road in Bethel. He spoke with the complainant.

Wednesday, Oct. 12

At 1:05 p.m. Deputy Derek MacDonald responded to the Walkers Mills Road in Bethel for a tractor trailer unit that tried to do a U-turn on Route 26 but could not. It was removed and a commercial vehicle unit was contacted.

At 9:25 p.m. Deputy Steve Witham responded to a report of an unwanted person at a Railroad Street location in Bethel. The subject was taken into custody for violation of conditions of release.

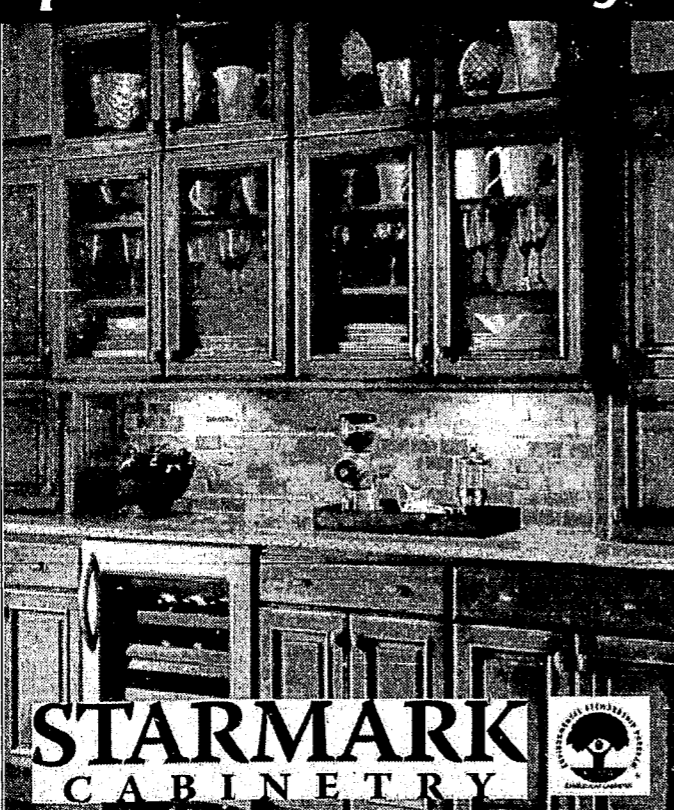
Friday, Oct. 14

At 1:58 p.m. Deputy James McLamb investigated a suspicious subject at a Parkway location in Bethel.

Saturday, Oct. 15

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With his quiet, even temperament and his ability to get along well with the other dogs Ross has a lot of potential. His caregivers hope someone will walk into the shelter soon and fall in love with him so his waiting will be over.

Anyone interested in adopting a pet from RPC can visit the shelter at 9 Swallow Road in South Paris Tuesday-Sunday 12-4 p.m. Most of the adoptable pets and the adoption application can be found online on the shelter's website at www.rpc.petfinder.com.

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The Town Clerk will be in the Town Office on Thursday, Nov. 3 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. to be available for Gilead residents to either register to vote or vote an absentee ballot.

Residents can still register to vote on Election Day, Nov. 8 at the Town Hall during voting hours between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m.

Gilead Historical Society

Since the weather decided to cooperate and there were people stopping at the buildings, we decided to open up last Saturday afternoon. Usually by this time of year, things have quieted down at the GHS and the buildings are closed for the winter.

Several people stopped to take pictures of the little maple that is still very bright and beautiful and holding onto its leaves. There was a couple from Arkansas and a man from California who stopped and toured the buildings. A couple from the Portland area arrived and said that they knew Peter and Claudia Risbala. While they were there Peter and Claudia returned from Bethel and visited for a while.

The biggest group that stopped by was brought to us by Ted Brown. Ted and Emmy Brown own the former 'Cy' Cole residence on Rt. 113.

A better description would be "Just up the river on the Evans Notch Road." The first time he stopped, he had three family members with him. Later, he returned and brought three more. I regret that I cannot remember the names of everybody, but I had a discussion with the nice young man with curly hair about the population of Gilead through the years! The population listed in 1830 through 1860 was between 350 and 370.

Happy Birthday wishes (a little early) to Judy Bishop, GHS Life Member, on October 27th.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or email chapman@hotmail.com



REVOLUTIONARY WAR VET'S GRAVESTONE DEDICATED—Sally Sawyer, Patriotic Instructor of Judith Grover Tent #17 of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, recently requested a replacement gravestone for the broken and illegible stone of Revolutionary War Veteran Asa Thurlow. Asa served in Rhode Island and in a Massachusetts regiment and was part of the Penobscot Expedition. The replacement stone arrived this summer and was set in place by Sons of Union Veterans members Larry and James Bonney. A dedication ceremony was held recently at Curtis Hill Cemetery in Woodstock. Participating in the ceremony were members of DUVCW, SAR, and SUVCW. Pictured from left are Daughters of Union Veterans members Sally Sawyer, Patriotic Instructor; Vicky Myers, President; Elsie Bonney Past President; Sons of the American Revolution members Stephen T. Seames, Past President of William Henshaw Chapter, Worcester, Mass. and member NHSAR; Clyde Berry, President of SAR in Maine; David Manchester, Immediate Past President Maine SAR; Larry Bonney, Senior Vice Commander Maine Department Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Submitted photo

Locke's Mills

By AMY WIGHT CHAPMAN



What a terrible drought we're having! I've been hearing about a lot of people whose wells have run dry, and we are hoping ours will last until we finally get some rain.

We have a large dug well with rocked-up sides that is probably nearly 150 years old, and is shared by our house and Polly Jordan's, next door. We normally have plenty of water for both homes, and even when we do use a lot of water and draw down the level, it always comes back up within a few hours.

Tony has been wanting to clean out the muck that had accumulated at the bottom of the well over the years and have a plumber check the condition of the intake valves. Last week-end he decided to borrow a gas-powered trash pump and empty the well while the level was low. He, Will,

and Wayne Bean tackled the project on Saturday morning.

They put a ladder down into the well, pumped it out, and Tony and Will removed several buckets of silty mud from the bottom, along with some bits of rotten wood from a previous well house and one old Coke bottle, apparently manufactured in 1943, with "Lewiston, Maine" stamped on the bottom.

Wayne replaced both intake valves, which were rusted beyond recognition, and nearly all the way through. I contributed by baking cookies for the crew (which they appreciated) and taking photos to post on Facebook (which they didn't).

The water level did recover within a few hours, but until we get some decent rain, which I hope will be later this week, we're trying to be very careful about how much water we use.

I have another new hike, to report on. Will and I hiked up the brand new trail to the top of Glass

Face Mountain in Rumford Center on Sunday. The Mahoosuc Land Trust had officially opened the trail the day before, but we were tied up with our well project and weren't able to go on the dedication hike.

It's another great, short hike, about two-thirds of a mile each way, with a big payoff—views of the Androscoggin River, farmland, and the village of Rumford Center. The trail builders, including the 15-to-17-year-olds from the Oxford County Conservation Corps, have done a great job with the trail, which features many well-constructed stone staircases on the steepest parts.

To find it, park at the Hastings Landing boat launch on the river (across from the Rumford Center Meeting House), cross Route 2, and walk through the cemetery until you see a Mahoosuc Land Trust sign for the start of the trail at the back of the cemetery, toward the right-hand side.

I recently announced

to the other members of my household that I'm no longer on kitchen duty for dinner on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights. Those are the days I work at the Adult Ed Learning Center, and I'm often out at some meeting or other on those evenings, so I think I have valid reasons for designating them as "fend for yourself" nights.

Before anyone starts feeling too sorry for Tony and Will, I should say that whenever I make a pot of soup, stew, or chili, I freeze the leftovers in individual servings, so there are almost always several homemade dinner options that only need to be thawed and reheated.

Besides, taking three nights off from dinner duty has made me much more inclined to cook on the other four nights of the week. This week I made a big pot of spaghetti sauce, a roast chicken with baked acorn squash, oven-fried fish with roasted sweet potatoes and onions, a kale salad, and homemade pizza, in addition to the aforementioned cookies. No one is starving here.

Have a great week, and keep your fingers crossed for a good rain! Email your news to amy.w.chapman@gmail.com, find me on Facebook, or give me a call at 890-4812.

Bryant Pond

By ALICE HOYT



Judith Grover Tent #17 DUVCW met at the Grange Hall on Monday, Oct. 10.

The charter was draped for past tent President Leatrice Chase.

A thank-you card was received from Michelle Cary for the card sent to her. At the September dedication of the new stone set for Revolutionary War Veteran Asa Thurlow were three of the Sons of the Revolutionary War, two Sons of Veterans of the Civil War and three Daughters of Veterans of the Civil War (Vicky Myers, Sally Sawyer and Elsie Bonney). Elsie, Vicky and Sally and two Sons of Veterans of the Civil War attended the 150th anniversary of Tógus. Vicky and Sally attended the meeting of Tent #19 when Tent 19 took in two members. President Vicky read an article about things that happened on this date in 1862. Elsie Bonney is thinking about starting an Auxiliary to the Sons of Veterans of the Civil War. If anyone is interested in joining let Elsie know. Calls reported were 14. Alice relieved the mystery package. She thanked the tent for the card and their part in Leatrice's service. The Nov. 14 meeting will be at Alice's; please bring items for the Tógus Christmas, either the patients or gift shop.

Sympathy is extended to Steve Hoover and family

on the death of his mother.

Crystal Chase Beane and daughter Kaylea have been guests of Richard and Theresa Chase and visiting relatives. They have returned to Alaska.

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday School at 9:15 for all ages, Morning Worship at 10:30, Evening Service at 6 p.m. Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. is Mid Week Service, also Bloom for Girls and Foundations for Guys. October 21 at 6:30 p.m. will be Family Movies Night. The movie is "As with Roses." There will be light refreshments. Saturday, Oct. 29 at 9 a.m. is ladies' shopping trip to Freeport for the day.

There was a big turnout for the Parade of Lights, sponsored by the firemen, and plenty of food at the Fire Station.

Newry

By DOUG WEBSTER



There was a public hearing for the sad 44 funding committees ballot initiative. The initiative is seeking to change the current funding formula to a more progressive formula that is more in line with the rest of the state. Not many taxpayers showed up to the hearing about the question that will be on the Nov. 8 ballot. I would like to thank Jim Largess for stating the town's position at the public hearing. He clarified the town's situation and why the new funding formula make sense. The Newry residents that I have spoken to, whether involved in the withdrawal process, or working on the new funding formula, are doing it so the town can benefit, and have enough money to maintain and grow its infrastructure. This has not been about individuals trying to save a few dollars on their taxes. It's about a sense of fairness and the ability of Newry to grow and prosper.

Don't forget that absentee ballots are available at the Town Office for the Nov. 8 vote. Also, dog licenses are now available, and the Town Office would love to register your dog.

There was a small woods fire in behind Stony Brook today Monday the 17th. Evidently the combined efforts of the local fire departments took care of the situation. Good job guys. It's nice to know that we have you around. I am sure if you want more information you can go on Facebook.

I drove up the new section of the Sunday River Road this morning. It is starting to blend in better with the former setting of The Old Road. I hope that the folks will come to like the road. I'm just glad that Charlie doesn't have to drive that far. See you next week.

Notes from the Gilead Selectmen's Meeting

Oct. 12, 2016

The Board of Selectmen met at 6:00pm at the Town Office on October 12th. Officers present were: Jeremy Morin (JM), Steve McLain (SM), Alfred Leighton (AL); Linsley Chapman Town Clerk/Treasurer/Registrar of Voters; Tax Collector/Admin. Asst., Judy Perrille.

Treasurer Warrants were reviewed. August Wrap-Up Warrant 9A: Vote: Moved (JM) and seconded (SM) to accept. All selectmen voted in favor. September Warrant 10: Vote: Moved (JM) and seconded (SM) to accept. All selectmen voted in favor.

Discussion Regarding: Illegal dumping of trash on the river bank at the Lary Cemetery. The Transfer Station has regular hours on Tuesday (4:00-7:00pm) and Saturday (7:00am-4:00pm). This irresponsible action needs to cease. Result: Select-

man Leighton will check out the area. His findings will be reported to the proper authorities and filed at the town office.

Discussion Regarding: 911 addressing. Result: A request was made to renumber a section of Route 2 that no longer exists and is now part of the Evans Notch Road. Selectman Morin volunteered to measure off the section and this will determine how what numbers will be assigned to those four landowners.

Discussion Regarding: Cemetery Account. Result: The selectmen decided to charge the new trailer to the cemetery account and it would be used for cemetery maintenance only. This would result in the account having a negative balance, only because of the cost of the trailer. Otherwise, even with all the work that has been done, the account is still within budget. The unexpected expense of the trailer will be covered

by surplus.

Discussion Regarding: Veteran and Homestead Exemptions. Result: In order to receive a Veteran's or Homestead Exemption on real estate taxes, a Gilead resident must complete an application and file it at the Gilead Town Office before April 1st to receive the exemption for that year's taxes. A notice will be posted in the Town Office to remind people.

Discussion Regarding: 2016 Real Estate Taxes. Result: It was noted by the Tax Collector that there have been several payments made already on the real estate taxes. These 2016 real estate taxes cover the expenses for the town from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20pm. Vote: Moved (JM) and seconded (SM) to adjourn. All selectmen voted in favor.

(Linsley Chapman, Town Clerk/Treasurer, is writer of these notes.)

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Upton

By JOE BERNIER



Nine members of the Letter B Notch Riders enjoyed a leisurely 20-mile ride Saturday. We stopped and socialized frequently, explored old cellar holes and visited a single marker cemetery in Grafton. After returning to the Upton Recreational Field at 12:00, we were joined by four more members. We had a great pot luck lunch, then we told stories by the fire until about 8.

The local foliage is past prime but it is still pretty out there.

It appears that there will soon be a new seasonal residence on Back Street. The driveway has been improved and some site work has been performed. The owners are from Peabody, Mass.

There is no ice on the lake yet.

Please send an email to backstjoe@gmail.com to share your local news.

Mason

By RICHARD GROVER



Neil and Carrie Phelps held a housewarming party at their new home next door on Saturday, Oct. 15. Numerous friends and family members of all ages filled the house and truly warmed the hearts of the new occupants. Among the many clusters of celebrants and children, the Phelps had set up one of those inflatable bouncy playground rooms outside the back door. After a time, Carrie noticed that toddler, Harper, was fussy and irritable. Nothing seemed able to make her smile. Finally, when a short walk didn't cheer Harper up, Carrie found that Harper's left arm was painful. Carrie then immediately took Harper



FOLK ART BY CHAINSAW—New folk-art forest animals are continually added to the grouping in front of Tom Walker's home on the East Bethel Road. Walker, who is retired after working at various local wood mills and, later, as a mechanic, said he had never done anything similar before he decided a few months ago to pick up a chainsaw and try his hand at carving. After getting some pointers from local chainsaw artist Steve Stone, he started carving with a regular chainsaw, then graduated to a Stihl with a narrow 19-inch bar that is made especially for carving. He said he has sold "quite a few" of his pieces to family, friends, and people who stop by for a closer look.

A. Wight Chapman

to the urgent care clinic in Bridgeton. After a short examination, the doctor took Harper's arm in his fingers and gently "tweaked" the elbow and exclaimed, "There! It's okay now." The elbow was apparently slightly dislocated and the tweak fixed it.

The "huge community of Mason" now has two road bridges under repair at the same time. The new bridge "concrete culvert" over Hutchinson Brook is now open to traffic, but more fill and guard rails are yet to be added to complete the project. The other bridge is the old red steel span over Pleasant River between the foot of Kings Highway Tyler Road by Lawrence and Jenn Grover's home.

The old red I beams have been replaced by new steel beams, and new steel deck supports are being installed. I am told that the deck will be made of reinforced concrete.

One day when I stopped to see how the bridge was progressing, I noticed the workers had a large Labrador mix dog supervising

the work. At the time, only the carrier "I beams" spanned the river. They told me the dog would casually stroll across the 8" wide span of the I beams as they lay across the 20 or 25 feet of open space! Niece Elsie later posted a photo on Facebook of the dog calmly sitting atop the beam!

'Tech for Seniors' classes at Bethel Library

The Bethel Library is offering two sessions of its popular "Tech for Seniors" computer classes this fall.

Each session consists of four classes, taught by SAD 44 Media Specialist Kelley Fraser, which will teach participants the basics of how to use email and search for information on the Internet.

Learn how to use Facebook and Skype to stay in touch with family and friends. Read product reviews before making a purchase. Find an on-line community and share a hobby, discuss politics, or get important health information.

The Bethel Library will provide digital devices for participants to use while they are enrolled in the program, which will help seniors make the most of mobile devices like iPads and smartphones.

Bethel Library Association Director Michelle Conroy partnered with Central Maine Medical Center and the public libraries of Auburn, Lewiston, and Norway to acquire a grant from the Maine State Library to make the Tech for Seniors program possible.

The grant provided funding for classes, as well as the purchase of digital devices for use by participants.

The first session takes place on Oct. 26 and 27 and Nov. 2 and 3 (two Wednesdays and two Thursdays) from 4 to 5 p.m. at the library.

In order to get the most out of the instruction, participants should be prepared to attend all four sessions.

Space is limited, but a second session will be offered on Nov. 9, 10, 16, and 17.

To enroll in either session, call the Bethel Library at 824-2520, or visit the library's front desk.

Ed Solar display at St. Kieran

St. Kieran Community Center for the Arts is proud to announce that works by local artist, Ed Solar will be on display through the end of 2016. The official opening of the show will be held on Saturday, Oct. 22. Beginning at 5:30 pm, Mr. Solar will introduce his exhibit in an open dialogue with the audience prior to our scheduled 6:00 pm performance by the Russian Vocal Ensemble, LYRA.

Born and raised in northern New Jersey, Edward Solar divided his college years between Montana State University, Utah State University and Glassboro State College (now Rowan University) in New Jersey. The now-retired business owner taught high school mathematics and shop for three years before deciding to work for himself.

His interest in woodcarving first began at about the age of 10. He was fascinated by a hand-carved chain. His first project was his very own short, six-link chain. It didn't take him long to realize he wanted to continue carving and his hobbies now include not only woodcarving, but also woodworking, basket weaving and the art of stained glass.

Mr. Solar's exhibit, being housed at St. Kieran's, includes a variety of items from his personal collection: a wooden reindeer, a moose antler depicting a carved nature scene, wooden plates and bowls, jewelry, pens, oil paintings, woven baskets, stained glass and a multitude of other items adorning virtually the entire space! The exhibit includes a large wood carving of a carousel horse which holds a special place in Ed's heart.

The carousel horse, completed on March 24, 2008, was a 10 year project. After marrying Susan Howard in 1969, they went on to raise 2 children, Jennifer (1972) and Edward "Ward" (1975). With owning a business and raising a family, the idea of carving a horse was tabled until Ed was able to attend a woodcarving class in Bethel, Maine. These carving sessions, taught by well-known woodcarver, Arthur "Mike" Murphy, served to improve his technique and skill in the craft and renewed his interest in and desire to carve. Realizing this project would require a large display area, Jennifer agreed that it should take its place in her home in Colorado and so the plans

were set.

Artist/Woodcarver, Bud Ellis was in Tennessee constructing a carousel for the city of Chattanooga at that time. He had a studio and was sharing his passion for woodcarving by providing instruction for carving carousel horses. Mr. Solar travelled to Chattanooga to begin the process of creating his own horse.

Upon returning from Tennessee, there was still much work to be done and time was hard to find. It wasn't until a return trip to Chattanooga that Ed could devote another entire week to the project.

Over the next couple of years, while carving and sanding continued at home in New Hampshire, his daughter, Jennifer was diagnosed with an aggressive form of ovarian cancer. The horse was moved to the attic and any time that was found between business and travel was spent with Jennifer.

Jennifer's passing in October, 2004, marked one of the saddest, darkest moments in the life of this artist. It was not until 2007 that Ed decided he had to finish the carousel horse project and dedicate it to Jennifer's memory.

The work was later taken, with encouragement from his wife, along with a fish and a miniature dragon to the Downeast Woodcarving and Wildlife Art Show in Augusta, Maine which happened to fall on the anniversary of Jennifer's death.

Although she never had the opportunity to see it, Jennifer's horse won best in class, best in category and best in show. The fish won best in class and best in category and the dragon received best in class.

In addition, at Jenn's request, a scholarship fund was established to support local music students. Jennifer, an accomplished trombonist, had studied music at Otterbein College in Ohio. Donations to The Jennifer Solar Whalen Memorial Scholarship can be sent c/o Ed Solar, 119 Hill Road, Dummer, N.H. 03588.

The exhibit can be seen prior to or post any of the events held at the center.

Information regarding a series membership and a listing of the upcoming events can be obtained by contacting the Arts Center at (603) 752-1028, logging on to www.stkieranarts.org and www.facebook.com/stkieranarts or stopping in at 155 Emery Street, Berlin.

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Upcoming classes in SAD 44 Adult Education

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Mid-October and Early November
We have many classes and workshops starting soon. Tanya Quarterman is teaching a Dream Vi-

sions course and Psychio Development in mid-October. Uncover what those dreams mean. Then learn where your psychic centers are and determine your psychic strengths and weaknesses.

We are running a CPR and CPR re-certification class specific to health care professionals on Oct. 27. Also in mid-October we have a Babysitting class which is filling up fast. Learn Pet CPR from Bobby Silcott who founded The Maine POM Project, a mission to help equip local fire/rescue departments with Pet Oxygen Masks (POM). This is a Red Cross Certified Cat & Dog First Aid/CPR class. Budgeting

Basics will help you understand your overall financial situation and how you can take control of it.

My Next Move is a workshop that will cover what to consider when making a career choice, career planning steps, and resources that can help you.

More information about any of these classes can be found on our Facebook page, in the fall course brochure, by calling the Adult Education office at 824-2136, ext. 1340, or by visiting our website at sad44.maineadulted.org. Registering early and online will insure you a place in your chosen class.

Sports



Gould forward Caroline Finley, Bethel, brings the ball downfield and passes to teammate Colby Snow for Gould's first goal in their win over Oxford Hills.

Richard Andreasen '18/Gould

Oxford County Democrats news

The Oxford County Democrats had a robust presence at the Fryeburg Fair with a booth in operation for the eight days of the fair. More than 40 individuals volunteered to cover the booth and distribute materials from the Hillary Clinton/Tim Kaine campaign, the Emily Cain campaign, as well as legislative and county candidates. Participating in the parade on Oct. 8 were Emily Cain with a truck and a large group of supporters, plus Oxford County candidates, Senator John Patrick, running for re-election in Senate 18, Helen Rankin for House 70, and Joseph Chisari for Senate 19. Two decorated trucks sported posters for all candidates, and there were marchers for Hillary Clinton.

The Oxford County Democrats' four offices are located at 1125 Route Two in Rumford, 7 Church Street in Bethel, at the stoptlight by Oxford Hills High School in Norway, and at 235 Bridgton Road in Fryeburg. All offices have signs, and materials for campaigns, and welcome volunteers from now through Election Day. Contact County Chair Cathy Newell for information on office hours and volunteer opportunities.

The River Valley candidates plus Emily Cain for Congress joined with United Steel Workers and County Chair Cathy

Newell in doing two mill gates from 4-6 a.m. on Oct. 13 and 14 at the shift change. Emily Cain, Senator John Patrick for Senate 18, Sheryl Briggs for House 116, and John Madigan for House 115, as well as Jennifer Kreckel for Probate Judge enjoyed meeting longtime friends and passing out materials.

The third of three brunch events followed by canvassing and phone banking at the Mill Hill Inn in Bethel will be held on Oct. 16. Trainings for the final weeks of the campaigns will be held at the other offices.

The County Democrats will have booths at Oktoberfest on Oct. 15 in Rumford and the Oxford Hills Chamber Showcase on Oct. 22. The Final Push Supper will be combined with the Baldacci Brothers Spaghetti Supper on Friday, Nov. 4 at the American Legion Hall in Rumford, 5:30-7:30.

Admission is \$5. Donations of dessert items and appetizers are needed.

Watch for further details on the supper in the coming weeks.

Information updates are available on the Oxford County Democrats' Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/OxfordCountyDems/>. Contact by email at info@oxforddems.org

Cancer Resource Center receives grant for wellness programs

The Cancer Resource Center of Western Maine, located at 199 Main St in Norway has received a \$2,500 grant from an anonymous donor to be used for wellness programs for survivors and caregivers affected by cancer. In a recent survey conducted at the center, participants chose exercise and wellness classes, nutrition programs and more support groups, when asked about their needs and wants for future programs.

"In keeping with our mission: To provide hope and caring through support, education and concepts in healthy living for individuals and their loved ones facing the challenge of Cancer, we are excited to be able to offer additional programs and can't wait to get started!" commented board member Suanne Craib. "Matching grant funds are also being solicited so that we can maintain our current programs and add others like Massage and Reiki."

Thanks to this recent grant funding, the Cancer Resource Center is announcing Yoga Warriors, a free 45 minute class for cancer patients, survivors, caregivers and their loved ones to be held at Posabilities, 15 Tannery St., Norway on Wednesdays Nov. 2, 9, 16, and 30 from 3-3:45. Yoga Warriors is a gentle Yoga class that supports healthy living for individuals facing the challenges of cancer through gentle movement and breath, supportive restorative yoga postures, and guided

meditation and relaxation. Research has shown that yoga and meditation help support individuals challenged by cancer by decreasing fatigue, reducing stress, improving physical function, improving sleep, and reducing the risk of recurrence of cancer. Participants may register at the time of the class by coming in 15 minutes early, but preregistration is encouraged by calling Sherri Otterson, Center Supervisor at 890-7063.

The Cancer Resource Center, started in 2014 by a group of cancer survivors, is a welcoming place where family members and the person impacted by cancer may receive support.

Services include a lending library, informational resources and comfort items such as port protectors, pillows, hats and bonnets. Activities include a women's cancer support group, and a variety of creative expressions and wellness classes. All are free of charge and everyone is welcome.

The Cancer Resource Center of Western Maine, a 501c3 non profit organization, is located at 199 Main St, Norway in the Stephens Memorial Hospital Specialty Clinic building. Hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Thursday and Friday. We offer a variety of programs as well as comfort items, free to anyone impacted by cancer. Check our website, www.crcowm.org like us on Facebook or call Sherri at 890-7063.

High School Boys' Soccer

Telstar 6, Winthrop 0; Oct. 14-The Rebels offense was firing on all cylinders against Winthrop as the Rebels improved their record to 8-5 on the season. Avery Griffin and Hakan Chantier both tallied hat tricks, 3 goals each. Kellen True had 2 assists. Zach Stone and Blake Rothwell also had assists. "Today we saw what great passing will get you. Our defense was tight and our offense clicked." - Coach John Eliot

Telstar 3, Lisbon 2; Oct. 18-The Rebels finished their regular season schedule with another win at home defeating number two ranked Lisbon. Avery Griffin kept the Rebels in the scoring with 2 penalty kick goals. Zach Stone would sink the game winning goal with about 4:00 left in the game. The Rebels finished their season 9-5 and look forward to playoffs next week. "We have a number of players who step it up for our defense and our offense is finally working together to move the ball well. We should be dangerous in the playoffs." - Coach John Eliot

Girls' Varsity Field Hockey

Gould 6, Oxford Hills 0; Oct. 12-The Huskies took on Oxford Hills for the second time this season. Gould dominated offensively for the entire game, holding a significant advantage in shots (27-3) and corners (11-0). Colby Snow '17 opened up the scoring just six minutes into the game off a pass from Caroline Finley '18. After getting ahead quickly 1-0, the Huskies continued to put the pressure on, forcing the Oxford Hills goalkeeper to make several saves. Gould capitalized once more before the half, making the score 2-0. At halftime, GAFF spoke about the need to dribble hard right on an angle when taking a self-start as well as utilize the right side of the field more. Making these adjustments in the second half, the Huskies were able to open up space on the field and create several scoring opportunities. Celia Mastroianni '18 netted her first tally of the season as a result of her consistent play in the midfield. She controlled the left side of the field, refusing to give up both offensively and defensively. Adding to the Huskies offensive charge were Maddie Lamontage '19, a speedy left forward, and Brenna Myles '18, a feisty center defender. Other noteworthy highlights include Ellie Bailey's '18 offensive elimination moves in the midfield and Jill Thielbar's '18 solid block tackles in the backfield.

High School Golf

Gould 3.5, Hebron Academy 2.5; Oct. 12-Playing their third match in 5 days, the Gould golf team made it a clean sweep by defeating Hebron, 3 1/2 to 2 1/2 in match play at the Bethel Inn as a part of the Parents Weekend program. Also for a third time this week, it came down to the last pairing sweeping their matches to seal the win for the Huskies, and Lucas Fredes and Emmett Dorval Hall delivered again as they won the last two pairings to sneak by Hebron. Freshman Elijah Grammas also won his match, shooting the low round of the day with a 39, capping off an excellent showing for him. Schuyler Leff accounted for the 1 1/2 point that won the day for Gould, playing his opponent even. The Gould golfers finished their regular season with a league best 6-1 record. They are looking forward to the MAISAD championships Oct. 26.

TMS Boys' Soccer

Telstar 5, Buckfield 3; Oct. 12-The TMS boys soccer team won a hard fought game at Buckfield. The first half saw strong physical play from the Buckfield side leading to many scoring opportunities. After 3 corner kicks in a row, Buckfield put one in to go ahead 1-0. Telstar quickly rallied with Mario DeVivo scoring from an Alex Baribeau pass. The Rebels kept up the pressure with Alex Baribeau scoring 2 more before halftime with great passing assists from Caleb Mitchell and Myles Lilly. The second half gave way to more fast paced and physical play from Buckfield, but Telstar stepped up their play with good ball possession and smart passing. Alex Baribeau scored unassisted to put the Rebels up 4-1. Buckfield continued their attack scoring two quick goals to get close at 4-3. However, Alex Baribeau sealed the victory 5-3, with his fourth goal from a Mario DeVivo pass. The Telstar defense was outstanding, stopping a constant strong and physical offense from Buckfield. Harry Connors' smart goalkeeping kept the Bucks air attack at bay and he finished with 7 saves. Telstar improved to 8-0. Coach Ed Connolly.

Telstar 4, Buckfield 0; Oct. 12-The TMS girls team traveled to face a much improved Buckfield team. Solid play in the midfield from Shelby Thorman, Ella Kellogg, Chelsea Duclos and Riley Jerome slowed down the Buckfield attack and sparked the Rebel offense. Bella DeVivo scored the first two goals, with the second one coming on a heads-up, spectacular direct kick from about 30 yards out. Lydia Bennett scored the other 2 goals with an assist from Bella on one of them. - Coach Robert Dow

TMS Cross Country

Oct. 11-TMS traveled to Berlin, N.H. to compete against three very strong New Hampshire teams. The Rebels ran very well against Berlin, Newfound, Lake Region and Plymouth. The Telstar boys had three finishers in the top 10. Utah Bean (third) in a time of 13:02 for 2 miles. Best race of the year. Dylan Smith (fourth) had a time of 13:45. Very strong finish in the final 400 meters. Wyatt Thielbar, always improving, ran to a 15:05 sixth place finish. A strong, determined run by Wyatt. In the girls' race, Sophie Hanscom ran to a 19:00 minute 2-mile finish, the best time this season. Excellent rim. Chip Calderwood ran 21:30 in a nice effort. Allen White ran 23:12 with excellent persistence. - Coach Paul Casey.

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Safety tips from the SAD 44 Transportation Department

Children and Railroad Tracks Don't Mix

People of all ages are fascinated with trains. We have all seen a small child's delight at playing "choo-choo," and we have all been captivated by the colorful cars of a passing freight or passenger train at one time or another. Unfortunately, though, this fondness and familiarity, along with the desire to "short cut" across the tracks, rather than use a public crossing can often lead children to walk or play on or near railroad tracks, where they risk serious injuries or even death.

What Are the Dangers?

The primary danger to young children (and many who are older) is the fact that the railroad environment (tracks, yards, trains, etc.) is far more dangerous than it looks. The public does not belong on railroad property; it is dangerous and illegal for children to walk along railroad tracks or to cross tracks anywhere other than at an established public crossing.

Another contributing factor is their belief that they will hear an oncoming train long before it gets to them (trains are big and loud, right). This is wrong! Many modern locomotives run very quietly, particularly downhill, and can easily arrive with almost no audible warning until it is too late.

Children also falsely assume that an oncoming train will be able to stop in time to avoid hitting them, just like cars do. Wrong! Unless they have been taught about the danger associated with trains, they cannot imagine that a 150-car freight or passenger train traveling at 50 miles per hour or faster needs at least a mile and a half to come to a complete stop. Children need to understand a train cannot

steer to avoid them, they must avoid the train by staying off the tracks.

Railroad crossings also pose a serious danger, even when safeguards are in place. Nearly half of all collisions at highway-rail crossings occur where automatic warning devices such as flashing lights or flashing lights with gates are present and are functioning properly. Far too often, pedestrians or motorists ignore these warnings in an attempt to beat the train. Tragically, any collisions between a motor vehicle and a train are 30 times more likely to be fatal than a collision with another car, bus, or truck.

Finally, it is important to remember that railroad tracks, trestles, bridges, yards, and equipment are private property. Trespassers are subject to arrest and fines. They also risk serious injury. With improved safety education, things can get better.

What Parents Can Do?

Lessons learned during the formative years can make a lasting impression and can save your child's life. Here are some steps you can take to make sure your child is safe around trains:

1. Teach your child at an early age that trains are dangerous. Make sure they understand that it is never safe to play on or near railroad tracks.

2. Teach your child that it is illegal and unsafe to trespass on railroad property. Remind him/her that the only safe place to cross railroad tracks is at an established public crossing.

3. Teach your child to recognize the warning devices that can be found at public grade crossings-crossbuck signs (found at every public crossing), flashing lights, bells, and gates (may also be found at some public crossings). Teach your child how these devices work, and what

they mean.

4. Teach your child that it is important to obey all warning signals at railroad crossings. Show him or her how to walk across the tracks safely at a public grade crossing, but stress that they must NEVER "short-cut" across the tracks, even if it looks like there are no trains coming!

Rules for Crossing Safely

Never "short-cut" across railroad tracks. Always cross at a public grade crossing, even if it means that you have to walk out of your way.

1. When walking or bicycling stop well away from the tracks.

2. Observe any grade crossing warning devices that are present, such as flashing red lights, bells, or gates, and determine whether or not they have been activated to indicate the approach of a train.

3. If the warning devices are not on, still look in both directions for an approaching train.

4. Listen for the sound or whistle of an approaching train.

5. If a train is coming, WAIT until it passes before crossing the tracks.

6. Watch for more than one train-you may not notice a second train coming from the opposite direction on an adjacent track, or approaching behind the first train, but in the same direction, on an adjacent track because of the noise from the first one.

7. Once you are sure it is safe, cross without delay; use the smooth grade crossing surface and watch where you step, so you do not stumble or fall.

School Bus Safety

Twenty-three million students nationwide ride a school bus to and from school each day. Wherever you live, the familiar yellow school bus is one of the most com-

mon motor vehicles on the road. It is also the safest. School buses manufactured after Jan. 1, 1977 must meet more federal motor vehicle safety standards than any other type of motor vehicle.

Getting On and Off the Bus Safely

Because getting on and off the bus is the most dangerous part of the school bus ride, the loading and unloading area is called the "Danger Zone." This area, which extends 10 feet in front of the bus, 10 feet on each side of the bus, and behind the bus is where children are at greatest risk of not being seen by the bus driver.

Throughout the year, especially at the start of school, children need to be taught how to get on and off the school bus safely. Parents should help their children learn and follow these common-sense practices:

1. Get to the bus stop at least five minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive. Running to catch the bus is dangerous and can lead to injuries.

2. When the bus approaches, stand at least five giant steps (10 feet) away from the curb, and line up away from the street.

3. Wait until the bus stops, the door opens, and the driver says that it's okay before stepping onto the bus.

4. If you have to cross the street in front of the bus, walk on the sidewalk or along the road to a point at least five giant steps ahead of the bus before you cross. Be sure that the bus driver can see you and you can see the bus driver when crossing the street. Stop at the edge of the bus and look left right left before crossing.

5. Use the handrails to avoid falls. When getting off the bus, be careful that clothing with drawstrings and book bags and backpacks with straps don't get caught in the handrails or doors.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, Oct. 20

Apple historian John Bunker; will speak at the Charlotte Hobbs Memorial Library in Lovell at 7 p.m. He will provide an entertaining journey through Maine's orchard history. Bunker is the founder of Fedco Trees and the Maine Heritage Orchard. He has been searching Maine's countryside for the past 40 years for ancient apples. When he finds them, he preserves them for future generations. Bunker and his partner Cammy Watts have been homesteading on Super Chilly Farm in Palermo since 1972.

Saturday, Oct. 22

Animal (Canine & Feline) CPR; 5 hour class. You will get a book and CD to reinforce your lesson. Check out the Facebook page for Maine POM (Pet Oxygen Masks) Project. Proceeds from the class will provide Pet Oxygen Masks for local Fire Departments. Instructor: Bobby Silcott. 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Telstar High School. Tuition: \$80. To sign up: <http://sad44.maineadulted.org/> or call: 824-2136 x1340.

Last indoor yard sale of the season at the Wilkins House; on Plummer Hill Road in Watford. 8 a.m. to noon. Many items suitable for gift giving in addition to puzzles, books, chairs and household needs. Roll a die and get from 5% to 30% off your entire purchase. All proceeds benefit the church and the Wilkins House.

Back to Nature Hike; Join Carl Costanzi of 5210 Let's Go! Oxford County, for a free guided hike from 9-11 a.m. During the 3-mile hike through the Virgil Parris Forest Preserve in Buckfield, view areas of high value plant and animal habitats, exemplary natural communities; and significant wildlife habitat. Hike begins at South Pond boat launch on east side of the pond, hiking up the hill overlooking the pond on a new low-impact trail. The ascent and descent are gradual so the hike is accessible to beginners. Meet at the Ripley Medical Building parking lot in Norway at 8 a.m. FMI or to register call please call 743-1562 x 6896.

Free Reiki Clinic; at the Norway Town Office from 9 a.m. to noon. Sponsored by the Cancer Resource Center of Western Maine. Open to everyone. The Reiki session is done in a chair and will last for 20 minutes. A reservation is required and may be made by calling Sherri, 890-7063 before noon on Friday, Oct. 21. Reiki is gentle touch that promotes relaxation, reduces stress, helps relieve pain and may help improve sleep. Center is located at 199 Main St. Norway in the Stephens Memorial Hospital Specialty Clinic building. Hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Thursday and Friday. Check our website, www.crcfwm.org, for more information, find us on Facebook or call Sherri at 890-7063.

Texas Hold'em Tournament; Jackson-Silver Post 68, 595 Gore Rd., Locke Mills. Doors open at 11 a.m., games begin at 1 p.m. Meals and beverages available. BYOB. Come and enjoy the fun.

Lisa Severy, medium & mystic seer; at noon at the Rumford Public Library for a group reading. Free and open to the public. Information: 364-3661.

Harvest Supper; at VFW Post 9787, 58 Lower Main Street, South Paris. 4:30-6 p.m. Adults \$8, kids 10 and under \$4. Sponsored by AMVETS Post 777.

Jones Dance Band; playing old fashioned dance music at the Legion Hall, Church Street in South Paris. 7-10 p.m. Adults \$5.

Sunday, Oct. 23

"One Today" performance; Richard Blanco's

poem for the 2013 Presidential Inauguration has been set to music by Tom Davis and will be presented by a chorus of local singers and string quartet at the Gem Theater at 3 p.m. Mr. Blanco will speak, and pieces by George Gershwin, James Taylor and others will be included. Note: Due to an overwhelming response, there are no seats left for the Sunday concert. The public is encouraged to attend the free 1:30 dress rehearsal on Saturday, Oct. 22 at the Gem Theater.

Mahoosuc Land Trust annual meeting; at 7 p.m. upstairs in Ordway Hall at Gould Academy, Bethel. Kate Braestrup will be the keynote speaker. Ms. Braestrup has served as chaplain to the Maine Warden Service since 2001, and her experiences in the Maine woods have been filled with wonder, grief and hope. A brief business meeting will precede Kate's talk. Event is free to all Land Trust members; there will be an opportunity for those attending to become members. Non-members are asked to give a \$10 donation to help cover the speaker's expenses. Light refreshments.

Tuesday, Oct. 25

Regional Transit Public Meeting; 1:30-3:30 p.m. at AVCOG, 125 Manley Road, Auburn. Purpose is to discuss current public transit services and receive feedback from interested citizens, including low-income, seniors, disabled, veterans and the general public.

Woodstock Elementary School Spooktacular Halloween Concert; 6:30 p.m.

Oct. 25, Nov. 1, 8, 15

Science for Seniors; Anne Morin, Ph.D., will offer a four-week class on Tuesday mornings on Oct. 25, Nov. 1, Nov. 8, and Nov. 15 at the Rumford Public Library, 10 a.m. to noon. The short course will address topics in modern biology including various body systems in Anatomy and Physiology, the DNA revolution, topics in evolution, the microscopic world, genetics and mutations and photosynthesis. Participants are encouraged to bring their questions and requested to commit to the four-week series. Coffee will be served. Free and open to the public.

Wednesday, Oct. 26

Community Supper; 4:30-6 p.m. (no charge) at Bethel Alliance Church, 251 Walkers Mills Rd. (across from the Telstar parking lot). Call 207-824-2289 for more information.

Budgeting Basics Adult Ed class; In this New Ventures Maine workshop, you will learn about the basic components for building a budget. We will discuss money tracking, goal setting, challenges, ways to reduce expenses, and how understanding your overall financial situation can be helpful in creating a budget that works for you. Instructor: Chris Davis. 6-8 p.m. at Telstar High School. Free.

Thursday, Oct. 27

Town Hall Meeting on Underage Drinking and Other Drugs; Lee Anne Dodge, Prevention Specialist, will present information at two events at Telstar HS Auditorium. First is at 1:30 for the students, and in the evening at 6 for parents and community members. Students will participate in a session addressing alcohol and marijuana's impact on the brain; the signs and symptoms of alcohol overdose and what steps to take to prevent it; the importance of being an active bystander; and knowing how substance use can impact your future goals. Evening discussion includes an edibles demonstration and address what's changed

related to marijuana and what can be done about it. FMI: Patricia Duguay 364-7408 or email rvhccduuguay@gwi.net.

4th Thursday Poetry; Gathering of poets and poetry lovers from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Rumford Library. Meeting begins with refreshments, then we read and talk about poetry. Free and open to the public. Information: 364-3661.

Oct. 28 and 29

Bethel Outing Club Ski Sale; Friday, Oct. 28 from 6 to 9 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 29 from 9 a.m. to noon. at the Gould Field House in Bethel. There will be a range of alpine, snowboarding and Nordic equipment from which to choose. Ski shops from around Northern New England will be there to sell skis, snowboards, boots, poles, helmets and other skiing accessories. There will also be a section for used equipment sold by local skiers.

Saturday, Oct. 29

Craft Fair; at Rumford Elementary School on Lincoln Avenue from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wooden crafts, doll clothes, blown glass, soaps, jewelry, knit wear, scarves, fleece, primitive crafts, holiday crafts and many more items will be available throughout the day. This event is open to the public. Come and support our local school.

Sunday, Oct. 30

Longberger Bingo Benefit for Responsible Pet Care; Norway Legion Hall, Main Street, Norway. Doors open 11 a.m.; Bingo starts at 12:30 p.m. Tickets \$10 for 16 games of regular Bingo. Cover all games; raffle baskets; 50/50 raffle; refreshments. FMI or advance tickets: 743-8679.

Oct. 30 and 31

Wilderness First Aid course; at Mahoosuc Mountain Lodge in North Newry taught by Jon Tierney from Wilderness Medical Associates. FMI: 824-2073.

Tuesday, Nov. 1

Seniors Plus Medicare Choices; one on one counseling on Medicare Choices during the fall open enrollment period. Free individual 1 hour counseling by appointment only. Telstar High School. 12 p.m.-5 p.m. To sign up: call 1-800-427-1241 and ask for the Bethel site. Walk-ins are not accepted.

Wednesday, Nov. 2

Dedication at West Paris Library; at 6:30 p.m. the family of Leslie and Priscilla Pulsifer are dedicating five stained glass windows to the West Paris Library in honor of their parents' 80th birthday. Leslie and Priscilla have served as library trustee, Friend of the Library and community volunteers. The windows were designed by daughter and artist Daphne Pulsifer and are reminiscent of family summers spent vacationing on Maine lakes. The dedication is open to all. FMI: 674-2004.

Saturday, Nov. 5

Craft Fair; Telstar High School Cafeteria, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Crafts, Ticket Auction, Lularoe Fundraiser. FMI: Sally at 875-3335. Benefit Telstar Alumni Association.

Craft Fair; Maine Veterans' Home, 477 High Street, South Paris. Doors open 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Refreshment table.

Hee Haw Show; 7 p.m. at Franklin Grange on Main Street, Bryant Pond. Admission donation: \$6 adults, \$3 12 & under. Food and beverages will be on sale. Door prizes and 50/50. Hope to see y'all there.

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Enrichment opportunities for the children in SAD #44

From the Director

As you can see things have gotten off to a great start afterschool! The Telstar group has been working daily with GOT Farms harvesting and cleaning up the garden for winter. There has been wonderful "smells" coming from the MKA room as the students try recipes made with vegetables from the garden.

This week we are starting a fall drama program at TMS with Amanda Jordan. We really hope enough students sign up so we can offer this program in between sports seasons.

The Bethel Rotary Club has generously offered to scholarship any student who wishes to attend any program we offer afterschool. Lights On Afterschool is a national event that MKA participates in that highlights the importance of keeping kids active during the afterschool hours. MKA will have events at TMS/THS on Oct 20th, WES on Oct 20th, and CPS on Friday, Oct 28th. Enjoy this wonderful fall weather!

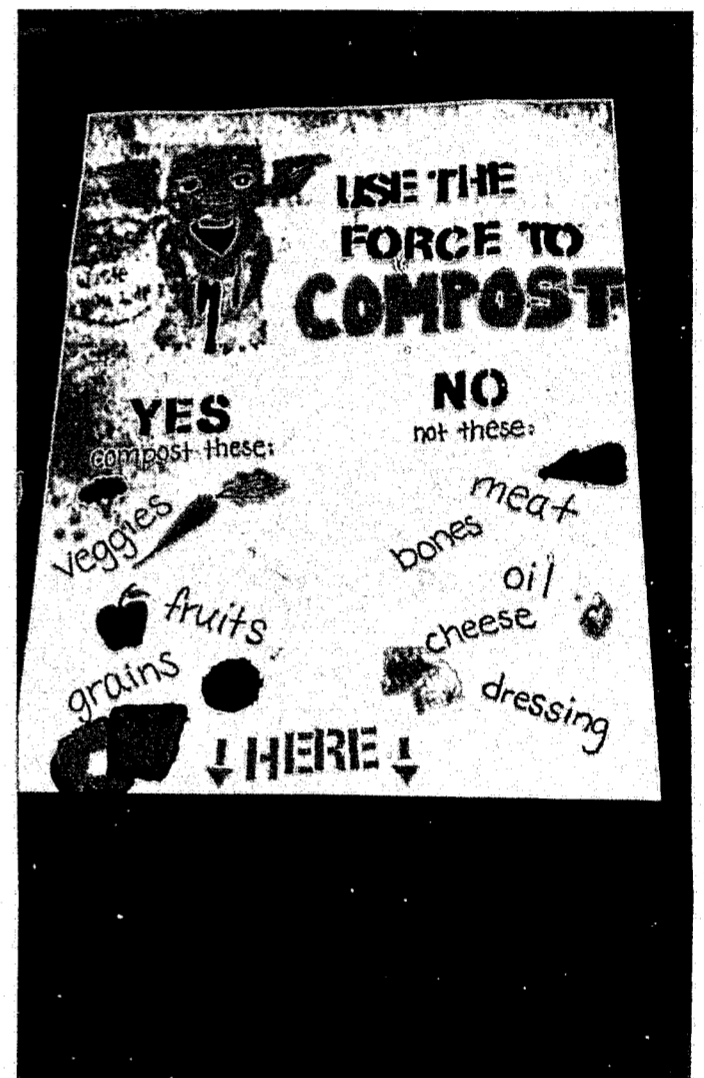
Julie Hart,
MKA Director



MKA fashion show!



Building our safety harness for the egg drop. Our egg was the only one that didn't break!

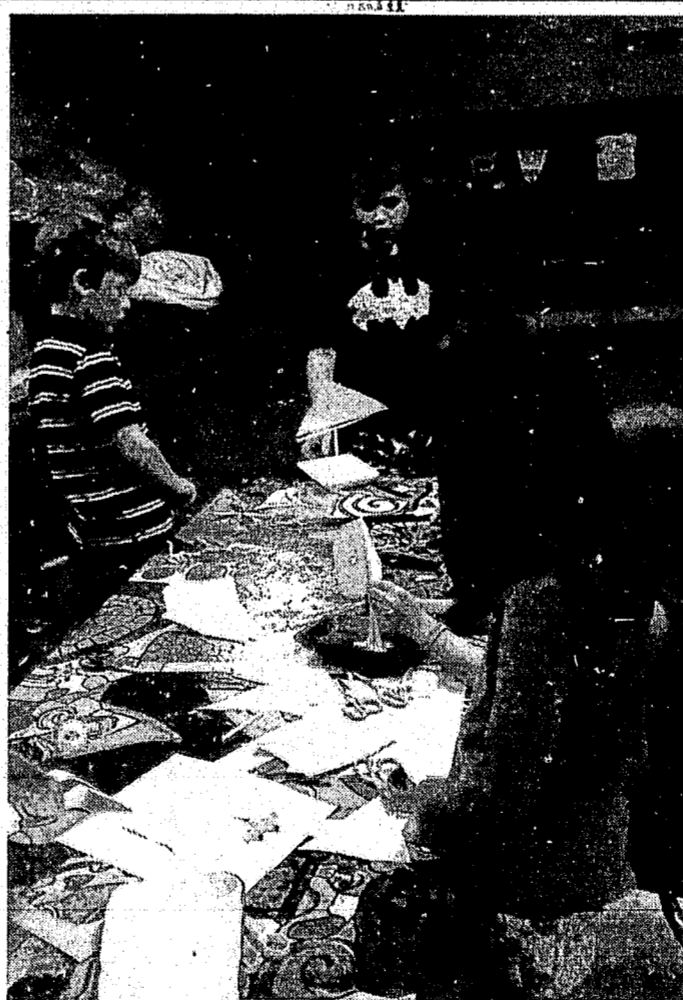


Poster made by Cameron & Maddy on composting for GOT FARMS.

Pom pom shooters!
Lucas trying to be the 50 pointer!



Pom pom shoot out!



Making wind boats.



Courtney getting ready to carve her pumpkin!

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November activities of the Western Maine Cancer Resource Center

The Cancer Resource Center of Western Maine, located in the Stephens Memorial Hospital Specialty Clinic building at 199 Main St, Norway announces their November calendar.

Starting this month the hours will be 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Thursday and Friday, opening an hour earlier. The Center offers a variety of programs as well as comfort items free to anyone impacted by cancer.

This month they are excited about their new Yoga Warrior class which will take place at Posabilities for four Wednesday 3 p.m. classes. This class is free for cancer survivors, caregivers and those in treatment. Check their website www.crcfwm.org for more information, find them on Facebook or call Sherri at 890-7063.

The center will be closed on Veteran's Day, Nov. 11 and closed for Thanksgiving, Nov. 24 and 25.

Drop in hours are every Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Volunteers are available to provide comfort items such as port protectors, wigs, hats, pillows or find resources. Pick up brochures or use our lending library. The Center is also a place to enjoy a cup of coffee or tea, chat with a volunteer or take time for yourself by participating in activities offered.

Women's Cancer Support Group Tuesday, November 1 from Noon to 1:30 pm Bring a bag lunch or snack. Call Patti-Ann at 744-6173 for more information.

Stampin' Up Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2-3:30 p.m. Kathy pro-

vides materials and instruction to make a variety of cards. It is fun and easy to do.

Yoga Warriors Wednesdays Nov. 2, 9, 16 and 30 at Posabilities located at 15 Tannery Street, Norway. This gentle yoga class will support healthy living for individuals facing the challenges of cancer through gentle movement and breath, supportive restorative yoga postures, and guided meditation and relaxation. Preregistration is encouraged, call Sherri 890-7063 or arrive to class 15 minutes early.

Knitting and Crocheting, Thursdays 10-11:30 a.m. On Nov. 10 Shirley will introduce us to Tunisian (afghan stitch) knitting.

Coloring for Adults, Thursdays 1-2 p.m. Coloring books and various markers are available. Yoga for Wellness Fridays 8-9 a.m. Either Kat Larsen or Sherri will teach the class at the Center which will include breathing, movement and relaxing meditation while seated or standing. Check the website for more information.

Cards and Games, Fridays 1:00-2:00pm Various games are available or participants may bring one of their own to get a game started.

Chair Yoga, Fridays 2-3 p.m. Sherri leads the class in chair yoga. No mats are necessary, chairs are provided.

Community Cancer Cut and Sew, Wednesdays, Nov. 9 and 23 10 a.m.-12 and Wednesday, Nov. 16 4-7 p.m. at Sew

Orchid Design, 316 Main, Norway. Participants cut out material for bonnets and other comfort items needed by the center. Sewing kits are assembled for people to take home to sew or sew them while you are there.

Guided Meditation Gathering, Wednesday, Nov. 9 1-4:45 p.m. Guided meditation promotes relaxation which will lower your stress. Using your imagination, along with your 5 senses you may find yourself in a tranquil state that is rejuvenating. There are no known risks associated with guided meditation, so why not give it a try! Susan Kane will lead the meditation.

Reiki 1, Tuesday, Nov. 15, 1-2 p.m. Reiki is a gentle, hands-on technique intended to relieve stress and discomfort and to complement the medical treatments prescribed by your physician. Charlotte LaBelle will be our instructor. Individual sessions may be scheduled with Charlotte between 2:30 and 5 p.m. Call Sherri, 890-7063 to schedule your session.

Crafting with Barbara, Wednesday, Nov. 16, 1-3 p.m. at Sew Orchid Design, 316 Main, Norway Barbara Daigle is teaching a series of non-sewing or beginner sewing crafts for participants to complete.

Walk and Talk with David - Call 739-7027 Looking for someone to walk around Norway or South Paris with? David will share his favorite walking routes; call him to schedule a time.

Backyard reflections

By Sara Wright

Tiger of the Night

During the summer months I occasionally leave my dove, Lily B, in a cage outdoors because my house is well shaded and he loves the heat of the sun.

One evening before bringing him in a Great Horned owl landed on the top of his cage! Lily seemed relatively unconcerned probably because I had a piece of plywood covering half the cage and he was sitting under it. But I was fascinated. The magnificent owl slowly turned his head around rotating it 270 degrees to scan the area apparently looking for rodents. His great golden eyes were huge and luminous in the heavy dusk. I knew that this owl's eyes were amongst the largest eyes of all terrestrial creatures and were highly adapted for nocturnal hunting with binocular field vision. After a few moments the owl hopped onto the ground, walked around a bit and then just as suddenly flew silently into the trees...

About a week before this incident occurred I heard a Great Horned Owl hooting during the early hours of the morning - about 2 a.m. The deep resonant hoots of this owl are scarce these days, probably because of habitat loss. These birds need large cavities in trees to nest in, and raise their young and in our area we can't support a viable population because we don't have many large trees left.

When I did some research on this particular owl I was surprised to learn that Great Horned Owls live all over this continent, from the Arctic to South America and in some areas they use caves and even holes in desert sandstone walls for nesting sites. Since they are so adaptable taking up residence in deciduous, coniferous, mixed forest, tropical rainforests, prairies, deserts and mountainous areas I wondered why we didn't have more of their kind here in spite of the tree loss...

Great Horned Owls nest earlier in the spring than other owls. They are mo-

nogamous and both parents incubate the 2 - 5 eggs. The unborn young are able to exert weak chirps from their shells! The male hunts for both the female and the nestlings who become independent at about three months, although the young stay in the same area as the parents until the fall (young owls make amazing hissing sounds when still in the nest, if you are fortunate to spot one as I did about 20 years ago). It is likely that I heard the hooting because dispersal is occurring during this turning.

We are approaching the first days of autumn and the adults and the offspring apparently converse frequently during this period. Great Horned Owls also hoot to stake out and maintain territories year round.

Great Horned Owls are native to the Americas. They are superbly camouflaged, adapting to whatever environment they find themselves in, but all have horizontal barring underneath with upper parts that are various shades of mottled or mole brown. Even tropical owls have legs and feet talons that are completely covered in feathers. Their talons and beak are dark gray.

Great Horned Owls can apply at least 300 pounds per square inch of crushing power in their talons. In some big females (females are larger than males) the gripping power is comparable to a much larger raptor, the golden eagle. All are heavily built with a barrel-like body, a large head and broad wings - the second largest owl in the country (the Snowy Owl is the largest). They also have distinct facial discs and ear tufts called plumicorns which flatten during flight.

Like most owls the Great Horned Owl makes great use of secrecy and stealth. Because of its camouflage it stays active all night and roosts in trees during the day. While roosting the owl sits erect in a kind of tall-thin position. If discovered by corvids (crows, jays, ravens) this owl will be mobbed. Not surprisingly, these owls predate on corvids who probably hold a grudge of sorts, congregating to

caw angrily at their predator! When I first came to these mountains 30 years ago I used to follow those corvid calls into the woods to spot the owl being mobbed. Both Great Horned Owls and the Barred owl were the two I saw most frequently. I recall how gracefully those two owls navigated the forest as they sailed away from the offending crows or jays on magnificent barred wings.

Hunting activity tends to peak between 8:30 p.m. and midnight, and then again from 4:30 a.m. to sunrise. During the winter I used to see Great Horned Owls hunt by day, probably because prey was scarce. When they catch their prey a record of it is delicately imprinted on the snow with the wings outspread. Effective hunting occurs when the owl watches from a snag or another high perch. They strike from above. During these forays they often fly from perch to perch until they sense prey beneath them. Then they soar to the ground to ambush the unfortunate victim. They also hunt by flying low over fields scanning for prey. Great Horned Owls can fly at 40 miles per hour when needed. On occasion these owls simply walk around on the ground as Lily B.'s owl did. The owl's gait reminded me of that of a penguin!

Almost all prey are killed by crushing the skull or stabbing the body of an animal or bird in question, killing it instantly. Sometimes large prey is beheaded and the rest is then swallowed whole. After a few hours the owl regurgitates pellets of bone and bits of fur or feathers. I have found a number of these pellets, although none recently, and it is fascinating to see what a particular owl has eaten for dinner by taking a stick and sorting through the debris. Sometimes the prey is cached in the trunk of a tree for later consumption. In one extraordinary case 113 brown rat carcasses were found around a single owl roost!

Almost any creature can become prey. Five hundred species of birds and mammals have been identified as Great Horned Owl food. I had no idea that rac-

coons and porcupines were also on the menu for dinner.

However, the most significant prey are hares and rabbits, both of which I have in abundance. Two hare species, the black tailed jack-rabbits (not found here in Maine) and the snowshoe hare are so important to the owl's diet that local owl populations sharply rise and fall in sync with the hares cyclical population trends. In our forests Great Horned Owls are heavily dependent on snow-shoe hares.

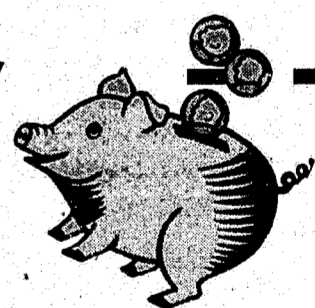
Other prey includes opossums, shrews, moles and voles, mice and rats. These owls also hunt 11 species of bats. Armadillos are sometimes eaten in the Southwest, and fishers have also been taken along with young fox and coyote kits. Great Horned Owls also predate on skunks. A poor sense of smell makes the owl immune to this odiferous creature! Quail and grouse are delicacies as are turkeys and chickens. Water birds of all sizes including the great blue heron are on the menu as well. Depending on the location and time of year reptiles and amphibians are also hunted. On rare occasions fish are taken with the owl wading into shallow waters!

The relationship between Great Horned Owls, other owls and raptors is decidedly one-sided because these owls predate on both. Not surprisingly Great Horned Owls are believed to be the most long-lived owl in North America. Its predators are few.

In Native American mythology these owls are believed to be messengers of the dead, or in Mexico, the hoot of "Tecolote" is a harbinger of coming death... The Zuni hold the owl's feathers in their mouths hoping to learn more about the gift of silence. The name "scary eyes" comes from the Passamaquoddy/Maliseet tribes (my native background). Every Indigenous culture has some story about this extraordinary and fearsome owl, aptly named "Tiger of the Night."

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RICHARD 'DICK' SWEETSER SR.

Cumberland: Richard "Dick" Sweetser Sr., age 90, died peacefully on Oct. 11, 2016.

Dick was the wonderful husband of Constance "Connie" Sweetser. He was born in Portland on Sept. 10, 1926, the third child of Herman and Phyllis Sweetser of Cumberland Center.

Dick graduated from Greely Institute in Cumberland Center. He served in the US Army during World War II, and then went on to the University of Maine at Orono. He married his college sweetheart, Constance Lincoln, on June 30, 1951. He went to work at SD Warren Company, starting in the woodyard and retiring 35 years later as a purchasing agent in the Engineering Department.

While working at SD Warren, Dick and Connie also operated Sweetser's Apple Barrel & Orchards. Dick and Connie worked tirelessly for many years planting new apple trees and running the roadside market. Their son Greg, fifth generation Sweetser, currently operates the business. They were members of the Northeast Apple Society, which combined the love of growing apples and the love of skiing.

Connie and Dick spent many pleasant winters at their camp in Locke Mills and skied Mt. Abram. Their love of skiing and travel, took them on many trips around the country as well as the world.

Dick was very active in community affairs including Captain of Engine 5 of

the Cumberland Fire Department, first Captain of the Cumberland Rescue Unit, and one of the first EMTs in the Town of Cumberland. He was a member of the Lions Club, The Cumberland Congregational Church, Sigma Chi Fraternity, served on the Cumberland School board, and was a member of the Maine Pomological Society.

Dick was very proud of his wife and family. He is survived by his dearly loved wife, Connie Sweetser, their children and spouses: Rick and Linda Sweetser, Cumberland Center; Greg Sweetser, Cumberland Center; and Cathy Sweetser and Jock Moore, Beaver Cove, Maine. Grandchildren: Sam and Erin Sweetser, Park City, Utah; Eben Sweetser, Orono; Carrie Shamos and Vinny Pasquali, Raymond; and Stephanie and Matt Riley, and great-granddaughter Ava Riley, Taunton, Mass. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

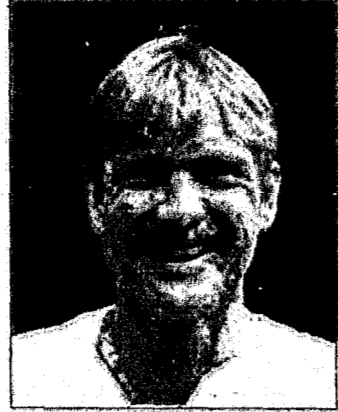
He was predeceased by a very special daughter-in-law, Debby Freeman; his parents, Herman and Phyllis Sweetser; and his siblings, Elizabeth "Betty" Baxter, and Philip Sweetser.

We will all miss seeing Dick on the side porch surveying his beloved homestead.

There will be a celebration of Dick's life at the Congregational Church in Cumberland, 282 Main Street, Cumberland Center, on Sunday, Oct. 23, at 1 p.m. After the service there will be visiting and a reception at the Church. All are welcome to join the Sweetser Family.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to The Cumberland Fire Department, 366 Tuttle Road, Cumberland Center, Maine 04021; Cumberland Historical Society, PO Box 82, Cumberland Center, Maine 04021; or Ski Museum of Maine, PO Box 359, Kingfield, Maine 04947.

Online condolences can be given to the family by visiting www.lindquistfuneralhome.com



WAYNE C. SVENDBERG

Wayne Clayton Svendberg, born April 15, 1963, in Derby, Conn., passed away peacefully at the Hospice House in Auburn on Monday, Oct. 10, 2016.

He was the son of Karen Jennings of Beacon Falls, Conn. and the late Wayne A. Svendberg of Upton. Wayne grew up in Seymour, Conn., lived in Strafford, N.H. for many years and in 2005, settled in Upton. He attended agricultural school in Connecticut, and was a graduate of Pittsfield, N.H. High School.

Wayne was highly respected, and a well known carpenter in Maine, New Hampshire and Connecticut. He was the owner and operator of Rental Rehab Carpentry for many years. He and his wife Colie were also owners of The Upton Village Store & Hair Salon in Upton.

Wayne enjoyed woodworking, authentic conversation, exchanging ideas with others and spending time with his grandson, Tracen, going on "buggy rides." He was at one with nature and the outdoors, he loved animals, was a gifted trainer of dogs, loved hunting, fishing, and quad and snowmobile riding.

He was an audiophile, and found great solace in listening to music of all genres. Some of his favorite artists were James Taylor, Van Morrison and Neil Young. He will be remembered most as being a man of integrity, for being kind, reserved, contemplative, genuine in all of his relationships, and lastly,

for his unparalleled sense of humor and wit.

Wayne is survived by his loving wife, Colie A. Miner-Svendberg, his son, Clayton T. Svendberg and his partner, Shana Dutterer of Bethel, his grandson, Tracen J. Svendberg, his mother Karen Jennings, his brother, Glenn Svendberg of Southbury, Conn., his sister, Kelly Svendberg of Concord, N.H., his aunt, Leslie Aron of Upton, as well as many loving nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and his dog "Izzy."

Friends are invited to sign the family guest book and share their thoughts, condolences and memories online at www.mead-erandson.com.

A celebration of his life will be held at the Ladies Aid in Upton, across the street from the Upton Cemetery, from 1-4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 22, 2016. Interment will be at the Upton Cemetery, Upton.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to Colie A. Svendberg, 240 Thistle Street, Upton, ME 04276.



EDITH FAYE MARTIN

Born and in Andover, Maine on June 17, 1926, and raised there, Edith was married to the love of her life, Fred Martin, until his death on March 5, 2000.

She had two children, Anita Hensley (Ron, who she loved as a son), Michael Martin (Marian, who was loved as a daughter), one stepson Fred Martin Jr. (Becky), four grandchildren: Kerry Hensley, Ronnie Hensley, Christo-

pher Martin, and Ricky Martin. five great-grandchildren: Cameron Cole, Jeff Smiley, Nate Hensley, Makenzie Stewart and Caitlin Hensley.

Edith is preceded in death by her mother, father, and six brothers. Edith loved visiting with her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

She loved drinking a good cup of hot Red Rose tea, mowing her own yard until last year, watching the Colts and Pacers games, feeding her squirrels daily, and her dear friends who lived all around her, who always kept a loving watch over her and looked forward to going back to Andover every year and visiting dear friends and family. Edith Martin always kept a loving smile.

A Celebration Gathering was held on Monday, Oct. 17 at Crown Hill Remembrance Hall in Indianapolis.



MARLENE A. BEAN

Marlene Anne Bean, 54, of Bethel died unexpectedly Oct. 10, 2016. She was a graduate of Telstar High School and the daughter of Berta Olson, Elmer "Sonny" Bean and wife Arlene Bean all of Bethel.

Marlene loved and adored her family, friends and animals. Her granddaughters and daughter were her whole world. She had a smile that could light up a room, a personality that shined, and a gift to gab that could keep you talking for days.

Marlene was predeceased by her mother Berta Olson, step mother Arlene Bean, twin brother Mark A. Bean, brother Peter Bean, sister Kim Bean, sister Leslie Deanis and Leslie's husband Randy and their two boys Bronson and Brock Lindeman, her step sister Mary Brown and sister in law Cindy Griffin.

She is survived by her father Elmer "Sonny" Bean, her daughter Dorcy Dunn and fiancé Randy

Cleveland and her two granddaughters Peyton and Piper, sister Lorna Mahar and husband John, sister Linda Griffin, brother Neal Griffin, brother Kevin Bean and wife Kris, step sister Darlene Baker and Hank Rolfe, step sister Kathy-Jo Farren and

husband Richard, as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins whom she adored and they adored her.

Marlene will be greatly missed. Per her wishes no services will be held. A private family gathering and celebration of life will be done at a later date.

Arrangements by Cliff Gray Cremation & Funeral Services, 60 Andrews Road, Bryant Pond.



CAROLINE O. MERRILL

Caroline Olson Merrill, 85, passed away Monday, Oct. 10 in Waterville surrounded by family. She was born in Bethel on Oct. 2, 1931, daughter of Jorgen and Annie Olson, the third of seven children.

She attended Gould Academy. She married Charles Merrill in 1949. She enjoyed crafts of all kinds, Scrabble, Beano, camping and living on lakes.

She was a great worker, working as a mica cutter, a clerk at Dunn's Market, The Bethel Inn, NTL, and Gould Academy and then helped manage their gas station and towing business for 23 years. She worked for the postal service for 22 years, retiring in 1995.

She then volunteered for Community Concepts. She was very involved in the Mundt Allen Post #81 American Legion and the Bethel Fire Department Auxiliaries.

She was always pleased to help those who needed it. She was a member of the Pleasant Valley Grange #136, and had been a Brownie Scout leader for 6 years.

She is survived by Darlene of Falmouth, Judy McCaslin and son-in-law Rodney McCaslin and Derek Murphy of Winslow, Sandra Gunther of Bethel, Linda Olson of Watford and Carol Everett of West Bethel.

She was predeceased by her husband, Charles; grandson Nicholas Murphy; brothers Melvin Olson and George Olson; and sister Mildred Jackson.

Online condolences may be shared with her family at www.chandlerfunerals.com

Graveside services will be held on Sunday, October 30 at 1 p.m. at Pine Grove Cemetery in West Bethel.

In lieu of flowers, friends and families are asked to make a donation to either the Mundt Allen American Legion or Bethel Fire Department.

Age Friendly Community news

As you may know, when the Age-Friendly Community Initiative conducted a community survey a year ago, the need that quickly rose to the top was transportation. How can I continue to live in my beloved community when I am no longer able to drive myself? Well, our Transportation Task Force has been very busy and, in collaboration with Community Concepts, has created at least a partial solution. The Volunteer Driver Program will enable all over-65 residents of Bethel, Greenwood, Newry and Woodstock to request a ride to not only medical appointments, but other commitments (even social) as well. The program will begin November 7. Look for more details in next week's column.

Food Security - what in the world does that mean? In basic terms, it refers to a person's or a community's assurance that they can access and afford healthy food.

How does it affect seniors? AARP's website (<http://end-seniorhunger.aarp.org/>), explains that "The relationship between hunger and health can easily become a vicious cycle, as low-income seniors have to spend more on their health care, have even fewer financial resources to spend on food, and may become socially isolated... The AARP Foundation is pioneering interconnected solutions to help those in need transform their whole situation." Donations to that cause may be made online.

And who knew that last weekend was World Food Day? Perhaps an opportunity to remind ourselves that there are small things we can do to address local food security. I don't know about you, but I'm not good about remembering to contribute to the Food Liner Grocery's box of donations to the Food Bank.

FMI on any of the above: nancydavis.bethel@gmail.com

Bethel Senior Citizens news

The Bethel Senior Citizens Club met Oct. 12 at the Bethel Methodist Church for their meeting and pot luck dinner with 24 members present. President Fran Head conducted the meeting, led the salute to the flag and in the singing of "God Bless America." Carol Stevens minister of the Methodist Church offered a prayer.

Reports were given by Becky Keen and Arlene Lowell. The door prize was won by Fran Head and the 50/50 raffle by Caroline Gould.

The next meeting will be Nov. 9, 2016 at The American Legion Post, Gore Road Locke Mills. Meeting starts at 11 a.m. The menu is Chicken Pot Pie. Reservations must be made before Nov. 1 by calling Arlene Lowell at 824-2877. Price of dinner is \$10.

Lisa Keim, candidate for State Senator was present to answer questions.

A time of visitation was enjoyed by members.

October birthdays are: Mary Dooen, Ruth Hazelton, Mary Brown, Martha Sweett and Nancy Willard.

Celebration of Life for Alfreda "Freda" Gaudreau
A gathering will be held
October 29 from 1 to 5pm at
the Locke Mills Legion Hall
in Locke Mills. BYOB

CRAFT FAIR
Saturday, November 5
9am-2pm at Telstar High School
Crafts, Chinese Auction, Food & Bake Sale
Kate Aucoin with LulaRoe
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All bake sale and raffle proceeds go to the Newry Students Scholarship Fund
Saturday, October 29 - 9am-2pm at the Bear River Grange Hall
Bear River Road (Rt. 26), Newry, ME
Crafts will include handmade items such as scarves, quilts, jewelry, dog collars, handmade baskets, fairy houses, and much more.
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Bethel Riverside Cemetery Association
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We will be picking up and removing summer flower arrangements and other such items.

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